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To: [Historic District Commission \(Staff\)](#)
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Hello,

I am writing this email to the Historic District Commission for the meeting that will take place on Wednesday, May 11th, 2022.

My husband and I are homeowners and residents of Detroit with 4 children. Two of our 4 children have been enrolled at the Waldorf School of Detroit since 2019, and we have a 3rd child starting at DWS in 2023.

I am writing in support of the shelters that have been built at DWS, in the hopes of making these structures a permanent part of the school campus. Although these structures were built out of necessity during the pandemic, I cannot imagine the school without them. They perfectly fit into the Waldorf philosophy of teaching and connecting to nature. It gives the children and teachers a comfortable place to teach and learn while being outside, no matter the weather.

These shelters are professionally designed and built, and they do not disrupt the area's original landscape. Parents, students, and faculty of the school take great care to maintain the integrity of these structures as they are an integral part of the school. Without these shelters, many of the families may not have kept their children enrolled at DWS due to the fear of covid. As a parent, it was comforting to know that my children spend a great deal of time outside with masks which lessened the chance of them getting sick / getting covid.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to approve the permanence of these shelters on our campus as they enrich the environment for children, staff, and the community.

Warmly,

Germaine Iwu

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