

EXHIBIT 10

6. I will continue to attend West Side High School next year. I am concerned about all the challenges and losses I will face if West Side is relocated. For the reasons that follow, I oppose the school's relocation.

Loss of Resources:

7. West Side High School has been nationally recognized for its commitment to its students' health and wellness. In fact, Michelle Obama and Former President Clinton have visited West Side's health and wellness program.

8. Currently, West Side High School houses a gymnasium, weight room, kitchen, school garden, sports teams, cooking classes, space for recreational physical activities, and more.

9. I consistently use the weight room and the gym to better my physical well-being. I use the weight room to work towards my personal health goals. My friends and I play recreational basketball and football in the gymnasium. These activities are great for my physical health and foster healthy socialization. Having these facilities in my school building motivates me to live a healthy lifestyle.

10. According to the DOE's Educational Impact Statement (EIS), if West Side High School is relocated, the new building will not have a weight room. The loss of the weight room deprives me of a healthy way to handle my stress and reach personal goals.

11. The EIS fails to address recreational gym use. The EIS ignores the presence of recreational sports, focusing solely on the school's teams. If West Side High School is relocated, the gym will be significantly smaller. Due to the EIS's failure to address recreational sports teams, we do not know if we will have the resources needed to continue playing.

Loss of Ryan Health Center:

12. The EIS does not adequately consider how the loss of Ryan Health Center will affect enrollment and attendance.

13. West Side High School currently partners with and houses the Ryan Health Center. This health center provides students with medical information and attention concerning their physical and sexual health. It offers a wide variety of critical services and resources that students widely use and need.

14. I have attended the Ryan Health Center numerous times. They cared for my arm injury and performed a physical. It is extremely convenient that the Health Center is on-site because I get the medical help I need and then quickly return to class. Due to the convenience, I obtain the health care I need.

15. According to the EIS, if West Side High School is relocated no plan exists to create a school-based health center. The EIS fails to recognize the extent that transfer students rely on an onsite health center. If West Side is relocated it will be extremely difficult to obtain health care. Students who are already struggling will have to commute to a different healthcare facility. Accordingly, students will miss class to obtain health care, or simply not get the care they need and deserve.

Safety Concerns:

16. The DOE and EIS ignore safety concerns, fears of gang violence, and its effect on attendance and enrollment.

17. If West Side is relocated to the Eastside, it negatively change students' commutes. Currently, my commute is quick and convenient—only one stop on the train. However, if West Side is relocated, my commute will involve a sizable walk. Since there are fewer train lines near the proposed relocation site, many students' commutes will include a walk.

18. Walking to school will be very dangerous for certain students. Many students at West Side High School are or used to be affiliated with a gang. By changing the location, students will walk through areas controlled by different gangs. This can be incredibly dangerous for students who are or used to be affiliated with gangs.

19. The DOE does not address gang or gun violence in the EIS. The DOE vaguely states its intent to develop a safety plan. This fear of the unknown will deter students, many of whom already have an aversion to school, from attending classes. These students will prioritize their safety and not enroll in school next year.

20. West Side High School was designed to provide students with the support and services they need to succeed. By ignoring safety concerns, the school will not have the opportunity to help those who need it most, because they will no longer attend school.

Concerns About IEPs:

21. Many students at West Side High School have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). These programs range from extra testing time to separate classrooms and special counseling.

22. The DOE states that IEPs will continue to be met, but does not adequately explain how the loss of classroom space will affect IEPs. It is not clear if it is possible to meet all IEP requirements in the smaller building.

23. My IEP included double time for exams and my own testing space. I also can attend group and individualized counseling, based on how I am feeling.

24. My IEP is tremendously helpful. Everyone I have talked to at West Side makes me feel comfortable and cared for. This supportive environment motivates me to work hard and do my best to graduate. My IEP and the connected staff are a support system that I rely on.

25. I am concerned about how my IEP and accommodations will be affected if there is a relocation. The proposed relocation site is smaller and has fewer classrooms. Since many students at West Side have accommodations, I fear there is not adequate space to accommodate every student. The vague language in the EIS indicates a lack of understanding about the physical space West Side needs to accommodate all of its students.

For the above reasons, I submit this affidavit in support of the Verified Petition and in opposition to the proposed re-siting of West Side.

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Sworn to before me this

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