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February 24, 2023

Village of Millbrook Mayor Collopy PO Box 349 Millbrook, NY 12545

Mayor Collopy,

First let me say thank you for including MCSD in your decision making process. We truly appreciate the opportunity to participate.

After receiving your email, we had several of our staff (including our SRO, Deputy Freer) investigate the proposed changes. Here are the issues as we see them:

- Alden Place is very tight, especially during arrival and dismissal. Using Elm Drive as an example, we have serious concerns about the ability of the existing roadway to handle the addition of parked vehicles to the already congested traffic of parent pickup and bus arrival/departure.
- We are also concerned about the safety and security of students who walk to school. The Alden Place Elementary students are some of our youngest (and smallest) students. Adding parked vehicles along Alden increases the chance of students crossing in between cars without being seen by ongoing traffic.
- High school students may take advantage of the "new" parking spots. Since this is not school grounds, we have no ability to police, authorize or enforce students use of Alden as a parking option.

On Tuesday evening, February 21, 2023, the Board of Education reviewed the issues and recommendations. In a unanimous decision, the MCSD BOE does not support the attached resolution put forward to the Village of Millbrook Board of Trustees. As the BOE, our number one concern is for the safety and wellbeing of our students. We feel the proposed changes increase the risks to the students of Millbrook Central School District.

Again, thank you for reaching out to the district. Please let me know if there is any additional input/information we can provide.

Sincerely.

Perry Hartswick

Millbrook BOE President