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VIA EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERED

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Mr. Bill Enright
Deputy Director Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights
33 South Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499

Re: Park Site Reservation Request-School District Objection

Dear Mr. Enright:

Thank you for the August 10, 2015, notification regarding the petition filed by the Village to consider amending the Village Comprehensive Plan to consider a request of the Arlington Heights Park District to place a Park Site Reservation on John Hersey High School and Forest View Educational Center. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Village and the Plan Commission that the School District is opposed to the proposed designation.

At this time, the School District has no current intention of selling either property. Such a designation, however, would create a cloud on the title of these properties and adversely impact the value of the properties should the School District attempt to market them for sale. School properties are a school district's (and by extension its taxpayers') most valuable assets. Also, keep in mind that the School District's taxpayers include residents of municipalities other than Arlington Heights and the interests of those taxpayers must also be considered. The School District must make every effort to protect the value of these taxpayer assets. Placing such a reservation on these properties would likely impact the number of potential buyers that may be interested in the properties should the properties ever be made available for sale. As a result, the School District cannot support such a designation.

The School District has also reviewed St. Viator's letter of objection to the designation. At this time, the School District has not requested that its counsel review St. Viator's counsel's conclusion that the designation would constitute a takings but would consider making such a request should the Village proceed further with the Park District's request.

While the School District cannot support the Park District's request, the School District is mindful that should it ever decide to sell either property, any redevelopment would significantly impact the community. The School District has a long history of working with its fellow local government partners on matters that impact the community and would certainly have an interest in such a partnership should it decide to sell either property. The School District objects to unnecessary restrictions being placed on either property as that could adversely impact the value of these significant community assets.

Respectfully,

David R. Schuler, Ph. D.
Superintendent

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