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This is an education issue!

In addition to this potentially being a joint BOE-MTI resolution, I would encourage all of us to at least make a comment using the [National Guard's comment system](#).

More info [here](#).

This is a good example of environmental racism. Among many other things that are harmful about the idea of siting these planes in Madison, they will make the homes of thousands of people **unlivable**. And, surprise, surprise, this decision disproportionately effects families of color. Please read below. The public comment window will close soon. Other communities in the country have been successful at blocking the placement of these in their communities.

You can read below for more information.

Sincerely,

Susan Kaye, school social worker, Shabazz High School

Hello friend in Madison -

Have you contacted your elected officials about F-35s yet? This is a crucial time. I believe we can prevent the siting of these planes here but we need to show that there is major public opposition. We need to convince our elected officials to speak out too. Please consider taking a few minutes to write emails. All the details are

below.

This coming week, on Weds and Thurs, there are public meetings where we can make our voices heard. I hope you to see you at them. The meeting details for Thurs at the Alliant Energy Center are posted here. <https://www.safeskiescleanwaterwi.org/>

Weds meeting location and time TBA, so stay tuned please.

Madison Quakers, my faith community, has just released a public statement of opposition. You can read it here.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/madison-friends-meeting/minutes/minute-opposing-f-35-fighter-jets-truax-air-national-guard>

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What you can do:

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It can be simple, just that you oppose having the F-35's stationed at Truax due to

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From: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Date: 9/10/2019, 7:14 PM

To: Susan Kaye <kaye.susan@gmail.com>

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From: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>

Date: 9/12/2019, 3:32 PM

To: MMSD School Board <board@madison.k12.wi.us>, School District Administrator Jane Belmore <jbelmore@madison.k12.wi.us>

CC: Safe Skies Leadership <safeskies-leadership@googlegroups.com>

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The resolution provides a good summary of the issues raised in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Many of these issues concern the noise impacts on children living on the east and north sides of Madison. Teachers of our schools have shared stories about disruption of their daily schedule by aircraft noise, especially the fighter jets. There are many studies reviewing the educational impacts of aircraft noise on children. The 65 dB DNL noise standard used by the EIS does not account for the impacts of noise including stress, sleep disturbance, and reduction in the educational performance of children. In its report on burdens due to environmental noise, the World Health Organization found that: 1) 50 % of children exposed to 65 decibels will develop noise induced cognitive impairment, 2) over 20 studies have shown negative effects of noise on reading and memory in children, and 3) noise exposure during critical periods of learning at school could potentially impair development and have a lifelong effect on educational attainment. The noise standard used to evaluate the proposed F-35A fighter jets will not protect our children

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On 9/12/2019 1:32 PM, Rebecca Kemble wrote:

The resolution will be in front of Council next Tuesday, September 17:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4133444&GUID=A0312E0F-DC9F-418E-AFB1-5538B3B90D6A&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=57364>

Writing the Mayor and allalders@cityofmadison.com in support of this resolution would be of great help.

Title

Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

Body

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WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was published in the Federal Register; and,

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2018, alderpersons representing residents living in close proximity to Truax Field organized a listening session at the East Madison Community Center at Truax to hear the comments and concerns of community members; and,

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WHEREAS, on April 16, 2018, alderpersons submitted comments to the Air National Guard through Ms. Christel Johnson, Environmental Engineer, based on resident feedback obtained at the February 28, 2018 listening session, information gleaned at the March 8, 2018 scoping meeting, as well as comments received by other members of the Madison Common Council; and,

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Common Council will remain engaged throughout the entire Environmental Impact Statement process to ensure that residents are represented in the decision making process"; and,

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Subject: [board] Madison Common Council Resolution Opposing F-35A Fighter Jet Squadron in Madison

From: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>

Date: 9/12/2019, 3:32 PM

To: MMSD School Board <board@madison.k12.wi.us>, School District Administrator Jane Belmore <jbelmore@madison.k12.wi.us>

CC: Safe Skies Leadership <safeskies-leadership@googlegroups.com>

You should have received the August 30th letter from Safe Skies Clean Water Wisconsin and Madison Residents outlining our concerns about the proposed F-35A fighter jet squadron for Madison and its adverse effects on our children.

Show below is the Madison Common Council resolution opposing the F-35A fighter jets in Madison. It will be voted on next Tuesday.

The resolution provides a good summary of the issues raised in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Many of these issues concern the noise impacts on children living on the east and north sides of Madison. Teachers of our schools have shared stories about disruption of their daily schedule by aircraft noise, especially the fighter jets. There are many studies reviewing the educational impacts of aircraft noise on children. The 65 dB DNL noise standard used by the EIS does not account for the impacts of noise including stress, sleep disturbance, and reduction in the educational performance of children. In its report on burdens due to environmental noise, the World Health Organization found that: 1) 50 % of children exposed to 65 decibels will develop noise induced cognitive impairment, 2) over 20 studies have shown negative effects of noise on reading and memory in children, and 3) noise exposure during critical periods of learning at school could potentially impair development and have a lifelong effect on educational attainment. The noise standard used to evaluate the proposed F-35A fighter jets will not protect our children

I hope the Madison School Board will take time to review the impacts of the proposed fighter jet squadron and speak out to protect our children.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On 9/12/2019 1:32 PM, Rebecca Kemble wrote:

The resolution will be in front of Council next Tuesday, September 17:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4133444&GUID=A0312E0F-DC9F-418E-AFB1-5538B3B90D6A&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=57364>

Writing the Mayor and allalders@cityofmadison.com in support of this resolution would be of great help.

Title

Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

Body

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Date: 9/15/2019, 10:58 AM

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CC: Savion J Castro <sjcastro@madison.k12.wi.us>

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Date: 9/15/2019, 7:10 PM

To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Dear Cristiana,

Thank you for your response.

Thank you also for your work towards preventing these aircrafts from being sited in Madison. They belong in a desert area.

I oppose them for all of the reasons you cite, plus more. I have submitted my comments to the National Guard Bureau as well.

Thank you again.

Rita Cairns

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: 9/15/2019, 4:58 PM

To: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>

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On Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 3:32 PM Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com> wrote:

You should have received the August 30th letter from Safe Skies Clean Water Wisconsin and Madison Residents outlining our concerns about the proposed F-35A fighter jet squadron for Madison and its adverse effects on our children.

Show below is the Madison Common Council resolution opposing the F-35A fighter jets in Madison. It will be voted on next Tuesday.

The resolution provides a good summary of the issues raised in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Many of these issues concern the noise impacts on children living on the east and north sides of Madison. Teachers of our schools have shared stories about disruption of their daily schedule by aircraft noise, especially the fighter jets. There are many studies reviewing the educational impacts of aircraft noise on children. The 65 dB DNL noise standard used by the EIS does not account for the impacts of noise including stress, sleep disturbance, and reduction in the educational performance of children. In its report on burdens due to environmental noise, the World Health Organization found that: 1) 50 % of children exposed to 65 decibels will develop noise induced cognitive impairment, 2) over 20 studies have shown negative effects of noise on reading and memory in children, and 3) noise exposure during critical periods of learning at school could potentially impair development and have a lifelong effect on educational attainment. The noise standard used to evaluate the proposed F-35A fighter jets will not protect our children

I hope the Madison School Board will take time to review the impacts of the proposed fighter jet squadron and speak out to protect our children.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Steven Klafka

On 9/12/2019 1:32 PM, Rebecca Kemble wrote:

The resolution will be in front of Council next Tuesday, September 17:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4133444&GUID=A0312E0F-DC9F-418E-AFB1-5538B3B90D6A&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=57364>

Writing the Mayor and allalders@cityofmadison.com in support of this resolution would be of great help.

Title

Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

Body

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2016, the US Air Force announced that the 115th Fighter Wing, Madison, Wisconsin; the 124th Fighter Wing, Boise, Idaho; the 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville, Florida; the 127th Wing, Harrison Township, Michigan; and the 187th Fighter Wing, Montgomery, Alabama were the five locations under consideration for the Air National Guard F-35A 5th and 6th Operation Beddowns; and,

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WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, alderpersons and community residents attended the Air National Guard scoping meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel; and,

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through Ms. Christel Johnson, Environmental Engineer, based on resident feedback obtained at the February 28, 2018 listening session, information gleaned at the March 8, 2018 scoping meeting, as well as comments received by other members of the Madison Common Council; and,

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2018, the Madison Common Council enacted RES-18-00312 - "A Resolution on the Air National Guard F-35 Operational Beddown Environmental Impact Statement", concluding, "and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Common Council will remain engaged throughout the entire Environmental Impact Statement process to ensure that residents are represented in the decision making process"; and,

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2019, the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register and the Draft EIS was released for public comment; and,

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WHEREAS, 'Environmental Constraints' was one of the primary screening criteria used to identify the alternatives for F-35A beddown, stating "the alternative location should be able to: meet the local community's zoning or other land use controls adopted to limit encroachment and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare;" and that the alternative should "have an absence or

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Date: 9/15/2019, 5:22 PM

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Date: 9/18/2019, 7:19 AM

To: nvangvue@madison.k12.wi.us

Dear Ms. Vang-Vue,

My name is Cris Carusi and I'm a member of the MMSD School Board. My fellow board member Savion Castro and I are working on a school board response to the issue of F-35 fighter jets possibly flying out of Truax.

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Thanks so much for sharing your feedback on this issue, and for all you do for MMSD.

Take care,
Cris Carusi

Subject: Re: [board] TRUAX F-35's - OPPOSED
From: "M. Davis" <samsaramadison@gmail.com>
Date: 9/18/2019, 8:05 AM
To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Thank you so much for your response Cris!

Martine Davis, Certified Building Biologist
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To: Gloria Reyes <greyes@madison.k12.wi.us>

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2) There is conflicting information emerging from the local Air National Guard about the number of flights they actually do compared to what is projected in the EIS and used by the EIS for its sound maps and modeling Lt. Col.Charles Merkel from the local Air National Guard (ANG) is at minute 31:49 for a few minutes trying to correct the record on the flight numbers emerging from the EIS. I am sure he would be happy to meet and discuss this with you decide to get into this issue. <https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/b003fb5745924c59a0d18f02a60ffd671d> Contact: charles.c.merkel.mil@mail.mil

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3) The Air National Guard represents about 5% of the flights from the airport if I recall from a chart I dont have on me right now. The recent noise reports from the airport show that the vast majority of citizen complaints are regarding commercial flights. The most recent April 2018 shows 580 complaints

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discuss this with you decide to get into this issue. <https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Showcase/madison-city-channel/Presentation/b003fb5745924c59a0d18f02a60ffd671d> Contact: charles.c.merkel.mil@mail.mil

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Date: 9/22/2019, 6:41 PM
To: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>

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To: Becky Leidner <rwl1951@yahoo.com>

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To: Susan Kaye <kaye.susan@gmail.com>

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On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 8:24 PM Susan Kaye <kaye.susan@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear BOE members and MTI leadership,

I urge the BOE and MTI to come out against the proposal to site these F-35 planes in Madison.

This is an education issue!

In addition to this potentially being a joint BOE-MTI resolution, I would encourage all of us to at least make a comment using the [National Guard's comment system](#).

More info [here](#).

This is a good example of environmental racism. Among many other things that are harmful about the idea of siting these planes in Madison, they will make the homes of thousands of people **unlivable**. And, surprise, surprise, this decision disproportionately effects families of color. Please read below. The public comment

window will close soon. Other communities in the country have been successful at blocking the placement of these in their communities.

You can read below for more information.

Sincerely,

Susan Kaye, school social worker, Shabazz High School

Hello friend in Madison -

Have you contacted your elected officials about F-35s yet? This is a crucial time. I believe we can prevent the siting of these planes here but we need to show that there is major public opposition. We need to convince our elected officials to speak out too. Please consider taking a few minutes to write emails. All the details are below.

This coming week, on Weds and Thurs, there are public meetings where we can make our voices heard. I hope you to see you at them. The meeting details for Thurs at the Alliant Energy Center are posted here. <https://www.safeskiescleanwaterwi.org/>

Weds meeting location and time TBA, so stay tuned please.

Madison Quakers, my faith community, has just released a public statement of opposition. You can read it here.

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/madison-friends-meeting/minutes/minute-opposing-f-35-fighter-jets-truax-air-national-guard>

Please forward this and ask your friends to contact their elected officials and come to the meetings.

What you can do:

- **Contact** local representatives on City Council, Dane County Board, State Senate and Assembly, and US Senate and Legislature – especially Tammy Baldwin, Mark Pocan, Joe Parisi, and Satya Rhodes-Conway.

- **Show up Sept 12** at our 5:00 press conference just before the Public Hearing on the Environmental Impact Statement. We will provide matching signs to hold and stickers or buttons to wear, to make it clear that we have a sizeable opposition.

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It can be simple, just that you oppose having the F-35's stationed at Truax due to environmental and safety concerns. Ask them if they'll be attending the Sept 12th public comment session at Alliant Energy Center that the Air National Guard is holding to express their constituents' reservations about the F-35 project.

If you want to provide more reasons go ahead. You can find lots of information attached and at safeskiescleanwaterwi.org

- **Madison Alders** - see the attached list, or find your alder on this map: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/Council/councilMembers/map.cfm>
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· **Dane County Exec Joe Parisi:** parisi@countyofdane.com

· **Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway:** <https://www.cityofmadison.com/mayor/contact>

If you are interested in setting up a meeting with your alder or County supervisor, please contact Tom Boswell at tomboswell2002@yahoo.com or 608/718-7312.

Please forward to others!

Thank you, you make a difference.

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Be kinder than necessary, everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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Subject: Re: [board] Madison Common Council Resolution Opposing F-35A Fighter Jet Squadron in Madison

From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>

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To: Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com>

Thank you, I am opposing the F-35's as well.

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On Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 3:32 PM Steven Klafka <sklafka@wingraengineering.com> wrote:

You should have received the August 30th letter from Safe Skies Clean Water Wisconsin and Madison Residents outlining our concerns about the proposed F-35A fighter jet squadron for Madison and its adverse effects on our children.

Show below is the Madison Common Council resolution opposing the F-35A fighter jets in Madison. It will be voted on next Tuesday.

The resolution provides a good summary of the issues raised in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. Many of these issues concern the noise impacts on children living on the east and north sides of Madison. Teachers of our schools have shared stories about disruption of their daily schedule by aircraft noise, especially the fighter jets. There are many studies reviewing the educational impacts of aircraft noise on children. The 65 dB DNL noise standard used by the EIS does not account for the impacts of noise including stress, sleep disturbance, and reduction in the educational performance of children. In its report on burdens due to environmental noise, the World Health Organization found that: 1) 50 % of children exposed to 65 decibels will develop noise induced cognitive impairment, 2) over 20 studies have shown negative effects of noise on reading and memory in children, and 3) noise exposure during critical periods of learning at school could

potentially impair development and have a lifelong effect on educational attainment. The noise standard used to evaluate the proposed F-35A fighter jets will not protect our children

I hope the Madison School Board will take time to review the impacts of the proposed fighter jet squadron and speak out to protect our children.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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On 9/12/2019 1:32 PM, Rebecca Kemble wrote:

The resolution will be in front of Council next Tuesday, September 17:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4133444&GUID=A0312E0F-DC9F-418E-AFB1-5538B3B90D6A&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=57364>

Writing the Mayor and allalders@cityofmadison.com in support of this resolution would be of great help.

Title

Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown.

Body

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WHEREAS, on February 28, 2018, alderpersons representing residents living in close proximity to Truax Field organized a listening session at the East Madison Community Center at Truax to hear the comments and concerns of community members; and,

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, alderpersons and community residents attended the Air National Guard scoping meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that under the No Action Alternative, the ANG would continue to conduct their current mission using existing aircraft, resulting in no additional significant impacts to socioeconomics; and,

WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that the Proposed Action would result in an overall increase in the off-airport area affected by noise levels greater than 65 dB DNL by approximately 1,320 acres, the largest affected landmass of all five alternative locations; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that additionally, 132 households and 292 people would be located in the 70-75 DNL contour where housing is incompatible absent an exception, the largest number of households and people affected at this level of all five alternative locations; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that several census blocks with the expected changes in off-base noise contours have higher proportions of children and include five newly exposed childcare centers; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that recent studies on school children indicate a potential link between aircraft noise and both reading comprehension and learning motivation; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that therefore, impacts to children associated with the Proposed Action would be considered disproportionate and significant; and,

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WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that impacts to environmental justice associated with the Proposed Action would be considered significant; and,

WHEREAS, 'Environmental Constraints' was one of the primary screening criteria used to identify the alternatives for F-35A beddown, stating "the alternative location should be able to: meet the local community's zoning or other land use controls adopted to limit encroachment and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare;" and that the alternative should "have an absence or limited amount of noise-sensitive development located in areas near the airport/installation that are exposed to Day-Night Average Sound Levels (DNL) at and above 65 decibels (dB) and considered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and DoD as incompatible land uses (USAF 1999; 14 CFR Part 150)"; and,

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Sec. 101 [42 USC § 4331] (b) states,

"it is the continuing responsibility of the Federal Government to use all practicable means, consistent with other essential considerations of national policy, to improve and coordinate Federal plans, functions, programs, and resources to the end that the Nation may... assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings [and]...attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences"; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 12898 states that, "To the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law...each Federal agency shall make achieving environmental justice part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations"; and,

WHEREAS, US Air Force rules require that, "During the preparation of environmental analyses under this instruction, the EPF should ensure compliance with the provisions of E.O. 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations , and Executive Memorandum of February 11, 1994, regarding E.O. 12898 "; and,

WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that the USAF does not have authority to expend appropriated funds to mitigate the noise effects on facilities that are not under the direct control of the USAF; and,

WHEREAS, the Draft EIS states that the FAA Part 150 program provides a voluntary process an airport sponsor can use to mitigate significant noise impacts from airport users and that, "it is important to note that the Part 150 program is not a guarantee that sound mitigation or abatement will take place"; and,

WHEREAS, according to Lt. Col. Statz of the Air National Guard, under the FAA Part 150 program, properties in the affected areas will only be eligible for abatement and mitigation after the full transition from F-16s to F-35s is complete, a minimum of two years after the introduction of the

F-35s; and,

WHEREAS, a City of Madison staff analysis of the Draft EIS concludes that, “While the EIS acknowledges it has a disproportional impact on persons of color, its methodology results in this issue being understated”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison analysis states that, “ there are several concentrations of poverty and persons of color just outside the 65 db contour , including the CDA Truax housing, CDA Webb-Rethke townhomes and other housing near Worthington Park, and near the intersection of Packers Avenue and Northport Drive. While these areas will experience virtually identical noise exposure as residents who live on the contour line, they will not be eligible for federal sound mitigation funding through the Noise Compatibility Program.”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison analysis states that, “Soundproofing may not be an option for the mobile home park on Packers Avenue, which is in the current 65 db contour and would remain in the impacted area with the potential arrival of F35s. It appears the FAA considers mobile homes non-permanent structures and therefore does not allow soundproofing as a mitigation option.”; and,

WHEREAS the City of Madison analysis states that, “... the City of Madison would have no official role in any potential noise mitigation study or program . The inability for the City to act on behalf of its residents and in the best interest of City-owned housing is a concern.”; and,

WHEREAS the City of Madison analysis states that, “The Department of Defense and the Air National Guard cannot safely and legally perform the planned construction activities without a complete site investigation that defines the extent and nature of PFAs contamination in soil and groundwater. The WDNR will require a materials management plan for any areas of the base impacted by construction, describing how excavated soil and dewatering will be managed. The 115 FW does not have enough information presently to do this.”; and,

WHEREAS, Madison is experiencing pronounced, well-documented, and long-term crises in affordable housing and racial inequity; and,

WHEREAS, tens of millions of dollars in public investment have been made in 231 CDA-owned affordable housing units bordering the 65 dB noise contour at Truax Park and Worthington Park, and also in an additional 80 subsidized low-income units at Rethke Terrace; and,

WHEREAS, Madison’s 2020 Executive Capital Budget calls for an investment of \$1.1 billion to prioritize Affordable Housing, Transportation, Sustainability, and Equity; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Executive Capital Budget calls for a \$125M investment in the development of Bus Rapid Transit for the Madison Region to improve the capacity of our transportation system

and as a catalyst for economic development along the proposed BRT routes; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed east route runs directly through the area most impacted by the proposed action, including three proposed BRT stations within or adjacent to the area expected to be incompatible with residential use; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for Transit-Oriented Development in that area will therefore be significantly diminished; and,

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2019 Alders Abbas, Foster and Rummel hosted a listening session for people living within the 65dB noise contour attended by more than 300 residents from the affected area and its immediate environs; and,

WHEREAS, residents who spoke and submitted comments were overwhelmingly opposed to the siting of the F-35s in Madison, citing concerns about the health and safety of children, the disproportionate impacts of noise and water pollution on people of color and people with low incomes, property values, property tax base values and the liveability of their neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS WI Statute 62.11(5) directs that “the council...shall have power to act for the government and good order of the city, for its commercial benefit, and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public”,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council concludes that the adverse impacts described in the Draft EIS will substantially reduce the quality and quantity of current affordable housing stock, decrease the value of the property tax base, reduce opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development, disproportionately affect children and families of color, and are contrary to the City of Madison’s values of equity, sustainability, health and adaptability as codified in our Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2018 , the City’s Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative , and undermine multiple long-term goals of City policy makers and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that based on the significant, negative impacts highlighted in the Draft EIS that will disproportionately impact children and residents with low-incomes and communities of color, and given that there is no guarantee that sound mitigation or abatement will take place and that the City of Madison would have no official role in any potential mitigation program, the Madison Common Council does not support the selection of Truax Field as a preferred location for the 5th Operation Beddown; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council requests the Air National Guard to reconsider Truax Field as a preferred location until and unless the findings of the EIS are shown to misrepresent and underestimate the significant environmental impacts to those living, working, and visiting the north and east sides of Madison; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Madison City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to the F-35A EIS Project Manager, Secretary of the Air Force, US Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson, Congressman Mark Pocan, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, Wisconsin Senators Miller, Erpenbach, Wisconsin Assembly Representatives Sargent, Taylor, Hesselbein, Dane County Board & County Executive Parisi, and Dane Co. Airport Commission.

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Subject: Re: [board] Oppose F-35's to protect quality education in Madison
From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/22/2019, 11:21 AM
To: "Colleen O'Hara" <ohara1945@gmail.com>

I am in agreement, thanks Colleen.

ananda mirilli
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Paulo Freire, Brazilian Educator

On Thu, Sep 19, 2019 at 9:57 AM Colleen O'Hara <ohara1945@gmail.com> wrote:

To all Madison School Board members:

As you are probably aware the Madison City Council passed a resolution this week taking a stand in opposition to basing F-35's at Truax Field.

Our children and students on the north and east sides of Madison, many of whom are children of color and from low income families will be subjected to noise pollution levels that will have a serious negative impact on their daily lives including their educational experiences.

There are complex and serious issues to consider, both moral (nuclear arms, racial inequities) and environmental (air, noise, and water pollution) in the decision to base F-35 fighter jets with nuclear armament capabilities in our city.

As advocates and caretakers for the quality of education of all children in every neighborhood in our city, I am asking that the Madison School Board take a public stand in supporting our students by opposing the bed down of F-35's at Truax Field.

Please take action now and support our children and their families. No matter where in Madison

you live, east side, north side, south side or west side, this decision will profoundly impact everyone in this city and county for years to come.

All public comments must be submitted by September 27 to be considered.

Our Dane County Supervisors will be addressing this issue at their meeting tonight 9/19. I am hoping a majority will sign the letter drafted by Paul Rusk. (*See attachment*).

Thank you.

Colleen O'Hara
1945 E Dayton St
Madison

▮ F35 letter in opposition Co Board...

Subject: Re: [board] Oppose F-35s warplanes in Madison

From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>

Date: 9/22/2019, 7:22 PM

To: Barbara Smith <barbara@merr.com>

Yes!

Thank you

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On Sun, Sep 22, 2019 at 6:48 PM Barbara Smith <barbara@merr.com> wrote:

Greetings, Madison School Board:

Please adopt a statement to oppose the beddown of F-35 joint strike fighter plans at the Air Guard base in Madison.

Please also know the resolution below passed at the last statewide convention of the American Federation of Teachers - Wisconsin in late 2017 (convention held in Warrens WI). As such, it represents the opinion of many public workers in this state, including state employees, technical college employees, and UW-Madison workers especially.

Best Regards,

Barbara Smith, Member of AFT Local 4848

456 N. Few St.

Madison WI 53703

RESOLUTION #7

No F-35 Fighter Plane – Education Instead

RESOLVED, AFT-Wisconsin demands a “just transition” including full re-employment for F-35 and other defense workers with comparable wages and benefits as a priority, and be it further

RESOLVED, AFT-Wisconsin calls for an end to the F-35 program and the reallocation of money to education spending.

Subject: Re: [board] Support the resolution opposing the F-35s.
From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/22/2019, 12:40 PM
To: Mary Jo Walters <waltersmaryjo@gmail.com>

Thank you, I am opposing the F-35's as well.

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On Fri, Sep 13, 2019 at 9:31 AM Mary Jo Walters <waltersmaryjo@gmail.com> wrote:

We need to stop these F-35s from coming to Madison. The city can't afford to share the skies with these machines. Many people spoke in opposition by citing the EIS repeatedly with facts that the Air force themselves point out in the EIS. A city council that is unified behind this resolution will be a great show of solidarity to Burlington, Vermont and other urban areas that also do not want a beddown of these jets. I live on the eastside of Madison and have to deal with the F16s on a regular basis. It causes much stress and worry about where these jets go after training on our skies. What harm are they designed to cause? Why do they train over an urban area? Where do they dump their fuel?

I attended the Air Force public meeting on September 12th and listened to people on both sides of the issue. The people who were in opposition that cited the EIS and the harm that bringing the F35s here will cause. Those that are for them are also for a strong military and therefore see somehow that having the jets practice our skies is a form of sacrifice that we the people can offer up. Children losing hearing is harmful. But so is the normalizing of jets in skies to all of us, children the most affected it is upsetting. As happens over Lowell Elementary where my youngest son attends. The commercial flights are enough of a distraction and an assault. We should want to see birds are the skies, not jets.

Please support the resolution, especially for our children. I have addressed the Madison School Board in this email to bring attention to the resolution that is going before the counsel THIS TUESDAY and to the importance that each member take a stand on this issue as we citizens are being asked to do. Here is a good website that has more information: <https://www.safeskiescleanwaterwi.org/> Hope to see the board members speak on Tuesday.

Thank you to the authors, you heard our voices of asking for a resolution, not just a letter.

Subject: Re: [board] TRUAX F-35's - OPPOSED

From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>

Date: 9/22/2019, 12:35 PM

To: MadisonAirInspector@gmail.com

Thank you, I am in opposition as well.

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On Sun, Sep 15, 2019 at 2:37 PM M. Davis <samsaramadison@gmail.com> wrote:

I used to live on the East side of Madison and moved to the Northside to get away from the unbearable noise from the F-16's going over my house several times a day. This interfered with my business in that I could not take client calls between certain hours when the F16's were flying overhead. The noise was deafening, the house rattled, customers could not hear me on the phone and I could not hear them. I am - for obvious reasons - strongly opposed to the siting of the F35's at Truax. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Martine Davis

Blaine Dr

Madison, WI

Subject: Re: [board] Yes to the resolution that says no to the F-35 aircraft in Madison, and, or, all together. The USA has lost the 18 year war in Afghanistan.

From: Books24u <books24u@aol.com>

Date: 9/22/2019, 11:21 AM

To: amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us

Thank you!

Steve Books

-----Original Message-----

From: ananda mirilli Madison School Board Member <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>

To: Books24u <books24u@aol.com>

Sent: Sun, Sep 22, 2019 11:17 am

Subject: Re: [board] Yes to the resolution that says no to the F-35 aircraft in Madison, and, or, all together. The USA has lost the 18 year war in Afghanistan.

I am in agreement.

Thanks for your email.

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On Sun, Sep 22, 2019 at 11:05 AM 'Books24u' via Board <board@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

Dear MMSD School Board members,

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I would also support a school board resolution that would say 'no' to the F - 35 aircraft totally. Face it, the U.S. Military has lost the 18 year war in Afghanistan, and will not admit it. Why should Madison be 'rewarded' a consolation prize of a noisier military base in the city limits that will have harmful effects to the educational process? The Truax Field military area should be turned into a renewable energy facility that

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Date: 9/22/2019, 11:16 AM

To: Books24u <books24u@aol.com>

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Date: 9/23/2019, 3:37 AM
To: board@madison.k12.wi.us

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From: Karen Miskimen <k09l06m04@gmail.com>

Date: 9/23/2019, 8:14 AM

To: board@madison.k12.wi.us

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9 Sherman Terrace

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From: Tim Cordon <timc@fusmadison.org>

Date: 9/24/2019, 9:30 PM

To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Hello,

While I am working diligently on email, at this time email may not be the fastest way to reach me. Feel free to call or text my cell phone.

If I miss your email, I'm so sorry. Please feel free to send it again.

(You can also mark it of "High" importance if you want.)

I also welcome you to send me a text, or call me on my cell phone: 608-630-3633.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience and I hope to connect with you soon.

In solidarity for a just and sustainable world,

Tim

Subject: F-35 resolution with signatures
From: Barbara J Osborn <bjosborn@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/24/2019, 4:16 PM
To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Here you go, Cris!

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Secretary to the Board of Education
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Phone: (608) 663-1659/Fax: (608) 204-0341

— Attachments: —

BOE resolution on F-35s at Truax-Final.docx_with signatures.pdf

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Date: 9/24/2019, 7:33 PM
To: Savion J Castro <sjcastro@madison.k12.wi.us>

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From: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Date: 9/24/2019, 10:20 PM

To: "Laurel R. S." <laurelruthsampsom@live.com>

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Date: 9/24/2019, 12:12 PM
To: "Wegleitner, Heidi" <Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com>
CC: "board@madison.k12.wi.us" <board@madison.k12.wi.us>, "Wegleitner, Heidi Forward" <heidimayree@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,
Cris Carusi

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 4:49 PM Andy Heidt <afheidt@gmail.com> wrote:

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Please pass as strong a resolution as possible opposing the placement of this first strike, nuclear capable war machine at Truax Field. There are no reasons s to support this monstrosity.

You can't wash the blood we shed off of our children's hands.

Peace,

Andy Heidt
3128 St Paul Ave
Madison, WI 53714
608-622-5585

Subject: Re: [board] Please strongly oppose F35s
From: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/25/2019, 7:26 AM
To: Diane Farsetta <farsettad@gmail.com>

Hi Diane,

It was great to see you at the Expo Center. Thanks for your supportive email. I am hopeful the board will continue to take stands on policy-related issues that impact kids and schools.

Take care,
Cris

On Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 7:11 AM Diane Farsetta <farsettad@gmail.com> wrote:

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213 N Fifth St, Madison

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From: Tim Cordon <timc@fusmadison.org>

Date: 9/25/2019, 9:02 AM

To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Thank you!

I really appreciate you advocacy for the children of our community!

From: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:30 PM

To: Tim Cordon <timc@fusmadison.org>

Subject: Re: [board] Please support resolution opposing F-35's.

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On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 9:45 AM Tim Cordon <timc@fusmadison.org> wrote:

Dear MMSD School Board Members,

Thank you for your service and please support the resolution opposing the f-35's at Truax ANG Base.

These costly, noisy, polluting, and dangerous weapons of mass-destruction have no place in our community. There is and will continue to be massive resistance to these planes.

It will be better to spare everyone the headache and pass Madison by as a possible home for the f-35.

Thank you,

Re: [board] Please support resolution opposing F-35's.

Tim Cordon

First Unitarian Society Social Justice Ministry

Subject: Re: [board] Stand Up for MMSD Families and Strongly Oppose the F-35 Beddown
From: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 9/25/2019, 7:27 AM
To: "Wegleitner, Heidi" <Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com>

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Sincerely,
Cris Carusi

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 4:12 PM Wegleitner, Heidi <Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com> wrote:

Dear Honorable MMSD BOE members,

Thank you for recognizing the serious adverse impacts the proposed F-35 Beddown will have on MMSD families as set forth in the draft EIS and the City of Madison's analysis. I urge you to amend your resolution to unequivocally oppose the Beddown.

My son is in first grade at Emerson Elementary which is not listed as an impacted school in the draft EIS, but is already negatively impacted by air traffic noise. I was recently forwarded this statement from a kindergarten teacher at Emerson.

I am a kindergarten teacher at Emerson Elementary School. I am worried about the impact that F35 noise will have on our school. We are already subjected to a lot of noise from the current military jets based at Truax. They routinely thunder over the playground when the kids are out for recess, and many kids (and adults) throw hands to ears and wince at the

painful noise level. If we are indoors with the windows open (no air conditioning in a 100-year-old building), I have to stop teaching, reading out loud, etc. due to the noise level.

The draft EIS executive summary table states: "Environmental Justice and the Protection of Children: Installation--**There would be significant disproportionate impacts to low-income and minority populations as well as children.** The increase in noise exposure to the south of the airport would disproportionately impact low income areas and the increase in noise exposure to the east of the airport would disproportionately impact a low-income minority population. In addition, the Proposed Action could disproportionately impact children." The City analysis correctly observes that these disproportionate impacts are understated.

Why is that not enough for you to state your opposition to the F-35 Beddown? It should be more than enough. It has motivated 15 County Supervisors, including myself, to submit a letter to the Secretary of the Air Force and other federal and state officials opposing the Beddown due to our concerns with the environmental racism documented in the draft EIS.

At the top of every County Board meeting agenda, we list questions designed to elicit equity considerations in our deliberations. **Who benefits? Who is burdened? Who does not have a voice at the table? How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?** If our Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative work is to mean anything, we must use our power and privilege to vigorously oppose these planned harms to people of color, people with low-incomes, and children, including the children with disabilities at the nearby Richardson School (who will experience even more significant noise events per day).

Tomorrow I will spend my day with people facing eviction and desperately trying to protect their housing. In my 13+ years representing tenants, I have represented families in CDA public housing and in the mobile home park by the airport. I give my all to protect their housing because I know that the loss of their current housing almost certainly means homelessness. Please do **not** assume that many of these northside residents have anything close to fair housing choice. We should be doing everything we can to protect their current housing, improve the conditions in low income housing, and expand tenant choice and opportunity in housing. The F-35 Beddown does the opposite.

In addition to running counter to our RESJI objectives, the F-35 Beddown is also directly adverse to our efforts to combat the climate crisis by reducing vehicle emissions. Did you know the draft EIS states "the annual airfield CO₂e emissions would increase by approximately 12,478 tons or 135 percent. This is equivalent to adding an additional 2,438 passenger vehicles onto roads, driving 11,500 miles per year on average." If you do not actively oppose this, you are enabling one of the largest climate polluters in

history. Based on its liquid fuel purchases alone, the U.S. Military would be ranked 47th in the world if it were a country.

Given the significant harm from unsafe noise levels to Madison residents, the grotesque national spending on the F-35 boondoggle (\$1.5 Trillion) as reported by John Nichols in today's Cap Times, the unknown and known impact of greenhouse gases and chemical pollutants from the Air National Guard now and with the stealth technology of the F-35s, and the very marginal economic impact stated in the draft EIS, I urge you to **pass an amended resolution that specifically opposes the F-35 Beddown.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Heidi M. Wegleitner
Dane County Supervisor, District 2
608-333-3676

Subject: Re: [board] Support resolution to oppose F-35s

From: Terry Cohn <terrycohn@gmail.com>

Date: 9/25/2019, 9:30 AM

To: Cristiana E Carusi <cecarusi@madison.k12.wi.us>

Dear Chris,

Thank you and the school board for putting our most vulnerable children ahead of our chamber of commerce concerns of economic growth. The people who work and businesses located in the impacted area contribute to our city as well.

Kind regards,

Terry Cohn

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On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 1:54 PM Terry Cohn <terrycohn@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear school board members,

I urge you to support the resolution to oppose F 35 fighter jets for the many reasons stated in the resolutions. In addition to the fact that we do not need to live as caged people in our homes even if they were mitigated. What about time spent outdoors, recess time for children, time in the parks during the summer, the Madison School District's outdoor summer programs. This all relates to noise.

Now we are being taught by our youth that is time to change. Our planet is in danger. They will suffer the consequences. Supporting stealth fighter jets that pollute our soil and water is not a being good stewards to our city. The consequences of billions of gallons of jet fuel to be used to practice in the case of a threat is not being good stewards to the entire planet. In the words of a very wise 16 year old, it is time for a change. How dare you fail the youth you are elected to help flourish.

“You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you.”

Greta Thunberg

Thank you,
Terry Cohn
2135 Linden Ave
Madison, WI 53704

Subject: F-35s question for Cap Times

From: Scott Girard <SGirard@madison.com>

Date: 10/7/2019, 1:29 PM

To: "ajmuldrow@madison.k12.wi.us" <ajmuldrow@madison.k12.wi.us>

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Date: 10/8/2019, 2:41 PM

To: "Board@madison.k12.wi.us" <Board@madison.k12.wi.us>

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From: Ananda Mirilli <amirilli@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 10/8/2019, 11:06 AM
To: Scott Girard <SGirard@madison.com>

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Hi ananda,

Thanks for getting back to me on this!

No worries on the coffee meeting – I know how busy it is right now for you all, and I plan to be around for a while! So whenever you find time, just let me know!

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From: Gloria Reyes <greyes@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 10/9/2019, 12:54 PM
To: Board <board@madison.k12.wi.us>

See below joint response

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Corrigan, Sharon" <Corrigan@countyofdane.com>
Date: October 9, 2019 at 11:34:47 AM CDT
To: Abigail Becker <ABecker@madison.com>, "sgirard@madison.com" <sgirard@madison.com>
Cc: "greyes@madison.k12.wi.us" <greyes@madison.k12.wi.us>, "district5@cityofmadison.com" <district5@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Reaching out from the Cap Times

Dear Abby and Scott,

Your email request attempts to distill into a binary a multifaceted, complex issue over which, as local elected bodies, we have no direct oversight or decision-making authority. If we were the ones making the decision, we would need far more information and analysis than currently available to us as local governing bodies. In addition, by polling members of each of our bodies on an issue that may come before us, you have raised potential Wisconsin Open Meeting Law violations.

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From: Nicki K Vander Meulen <nkvandermeul@madison.k12.wi.us>

Date: 10/9/2019, 10:31 AM

To: Jim White <jpwhiteii@gmail.com>, Mike <mike@hannabrandt.com>

On Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 10:31 AM Nicki K Vander Meulen <nkvandermeul@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

On Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 10:28 AM Sherry M Terrell-Webb <snterrellweb@madison.k12.wi.us> wrote:

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Good morning Board Members,

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Please do not respond to this poll because if each board member were to respond to this email poll, it would likely result in a claim that the board circumvented the open meetings law by engaging in a walking quorum. According to the Wisconsin Department of Justice's (DOJ) Open Meetings Law Compliance Guide, "a "walking quorum" is a series of gatherings among separate groups of members of a governmental body, each less than quorum size, who agree, tacitly or explicitly, to act uniformly in sufficient number to reach a quorum." Additionally, in the guidance the DOJ considers this type of request and posits that "the open meetings law thus cannot be circumvented by using an agent or surrogate to poll a quorum of the members of governmental bodies through a series of individual contacts. Such a circumvention "almost certainly" violates the open meetings law."

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The Board's F-35 resolution is the collective voice of the Board on this issue.

Gloria is working on a collective statement that will be issued from the Board, which will include a link to the Board resolution.

Regards,
Sherry

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From: Michael Hertting <mhertting@madison.k12.wi.us>
Date: 10/9/2019, 9:22 AM
To: Gloria Reyes <greyes@madison.k12.wi.us>

fyi - I have sent this to Legal. Mike

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Mike, I think this is a violation of open meetings law if they are sending this all board members. Can you check with Legal on this? I don't know if any board members have received this email I am assuming so and don't know if they have responded.

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Date: Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 1:29 PM
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Hi Scott,

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