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Dear Sage Collegiate community members,

We appreciate those of you who were able to attend our first Town Hall last week. We appreciate the questions, perspectives, and collaboration of those meetings. We had a dozen community members attend the two options, and we look forward to hosting these community town halls quarterly. Our next Community Meeting will take place **Tuesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.** For those that were unable to make this week's meetings, we wanted to share some updates and answer some frequently asked questions.

**Q: What are the current plans and their timeline?**

A: The Special Use Permit for the Phase 2 Project received unanimous support from the City Council on October 18th. We anticipate breaking ground in summer 2024. The development of the Phase 2 Project is expected to be completed in fall 2025.

**Q: There is already so much traffic on Bedford. An expansion of your school will only worsen it.**

We have a campus that can keep all its arrival/dismissal traffic on the campus. With the car loop design of Phase 2, we have added more than 2000 linear feet to support cars on campus during arrival/dismissal. Our Traffic Engineer, with oversight from the City of Las Vegas Traffic Department, conducted a traffic study that was reviewed and approved by the traffic department. You can find those plans with the city. Traffic from our school does, other than from a small number of local residents, does not add to the traffic on Bedford. I encourage you to reach out to the team at Hyde Park Middle School to share concerns about vehicle traffic. Their school has 1600 students and more than 500 cars traversing the neighborhood each day, including on Bedford. We cannot manage other campuses' traffic.

**Q: I see kids cross Charleston all the time. There are kids always at Green Valley gas station. What are you doing about student safety?**

A: I share those concerns. We're all aware of the recent loss of a Kindergartener at a school last month due to traffic matters. It is awful. We absolutely share student safety concerns. We do not allow students to leave our building without an adult. Our students are not released 'into the wild' unsupervised to roam the neighborhood or wreak havoc. All students must be released to an adult, and that will continue to be our policy even with our middle school students. I stop at Green Valley gas station every so often and always make sure to ask the team there if they have had any concerns or issues with our students or families. They've yet to report any concerns, for which I am grateful. In our Phase 2, we also have plans to install a fence around our campus. This will provide additional safety measures for our students.

**Q: I didn't hear about any of this from the city. This all happened so quickly. I didn't have a say.**

A: I understand that concern. The city was responsible for sharing information about proposals and hearings. We've had a sign in front of our property since July; the meeting was originally scheduled then. The city also sent mailers to the owners of the homes within our school community. Please reach out to the city for those concerns.

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**Q: I have concerns about the safety and supervision of students, especially in the morning.**

A: Students are always supervised; and safety is our primary concern, too. I have spoken with our before/after care partner and will continue to collaborate with them to ensure students are not scaling the wall or tree to peer into yards and will continue to remind scholars about safe behavior in the yard.

**Q: I continue to have things thrown over the wall and into my yard. Who do I talk to?**

A: I apologize for this. Until a month ago, I was not aware this was happening. I have had – and will continue to address it – conversations with students and staff. I am working with our facility partners to determine the feasibility of netting to help mitigate the balls and items that go over the wall. If this continues to be a problem, please reach out to me ([skinne@sagecollegiate.org](mailto:skinne@sagecollegiate.org)). Please note that upon completion of Phase 2, playground areas will be re-aligned.

I want to work in productive partnership with our neighbors and neighborhood. We were intentional about choosing our zip codes for a school to best serve the community and educate students. I encourage you to reach out; email is the best given the demands of the day and the focus on student matters.

In partnership,  
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