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Dear Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioners:

Regional School District 12 would like to share our support for The Frederick Gunn School's proposal to build the Center for Innovation and Active Citizenship. As a neighboring school and an educational brethren, we support the need to replace the current Science building with a structure that will meet the educational needs of their growing population of students.

The Frederick Gunn administration shared that the new building permits larger spaces to host large gatherings, introduces high-tech classroom and laboratory spaces for its science, math, and engineering courses. During conversations with the Frederick Gunn School administration, they shared the efforts to design a new building that will meet environmental considerations that support the Town of Washington's sustainability efforts.

Regional School District 12 thrives when our towns thrive. The Frederick Gunn School remains an important educational partner and a staple of our town's community. It is important that The Frederick Gunn School be allowed to be competitive in the private school market by offering state-of-the-art buildings and facilities for potential and current students to access the science, engineering, and technology that is necessary for the global economy. Please let this letter serve as an endorsement from Regional School District 12 for the 0.66% variance increase of lot coverage.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan Bennett".

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