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Hi, I have been following the Tobin/Vassal discussions. I live very close to the school, 203 Lake View. I love having the school nearby; we love watching the play on the fields. A school makes a community feel so alive, and with a future.

I believe we should invest in education and a future. With that said, I feel the issues are 1. size of the expanded school, and 2. open space/playfields. Ideally, I think the size should be halved. I know that will not happen. I hope, however, some of the specific proposals to use other city spaces will be considered in an effort to reduce the size of the school.

More importantly, we need athletic fields! Children and a community need to congregate and interact. It is central to health—mental and physical. Schools need to be supported by the community. If the school is a big block surrounded by traffic, the locals will not connect to it. If it is a vibrant interactive, green space, filled with laughing, running children (and parents and adult neighbors), it makes us all feel part of the school.

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