



Dear Sunnyside City Council,

My name is Tanner and I am an eighth grader at Summit Denali. First of all, thank you for all you have done for Summit Denali so far. Second, we would like to request to keep our current building for another 3 years. We need time to find a new building for our permanent school.

Denali is a school that I have truly loved for the past 2.5 years. It is a school where any student can come in and get a great education. The best thing about Denali is how all students can learn at their own pace. All students also have a mentor who guides them on their journey to success.

Thank you,
Tanner Bartyczak

Dear Sunnyside City Council,

My name is Cameron and I am an eighth grade student at Summit Denali in Sunnyside. Denali has been a truly amazing school for the time that I've been here. The Summit Denali Community has been truly enlightening and incredibly positive/supportive. What I love most about Denali is the fact that each student gets to learn at their own pace, which prevents a student's learning from being damaged from another student's learning pace, whether the pace is too fast or too slow. Thank you very much for supporting Summit Denali!

Thank you,
Cameron

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

My name is Heber and i'm an 8th Grader at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.

I am writing to tell you about my school. What I love about Denali is the teachers and the community in this school. All of the teachers care about us and are wanting to help us.

Thank you for Supporting Denali's!

Thank you

From: Heber

Planning Commission

456 W. Olive Ave.

P.O. Box 3707

Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

Or email: PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

My name is Rosalie Taran and I have an incoming 6th grader and a student in 8th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

My 8th grader has had such a wonderful experience at Denali. She and her incoming 6th grade sister both have ADHD and Dyslexia. She has continued to have high self-esteem and the feeling of success throughout her time at Denali. It is a nurturing environment where she is able to excel at her own pace and feel successful. She has continually finished her work for each grade prior to the years end with an A-B grade average. I am very excited to have my 6th grader experience this same success starting in the Fall.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my children and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. Please help us move through the approval process at Weddell Drive in time to open our school in the Fall.

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community. I ask that you please continue to provide the school your strong support.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Taran



Momoko Ishijima <mishijima@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

POLICY - Fwd: Summit Denali hope to be new school location at Weddell Drive

PlanningCommission AP <planningcommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Mon, Apr 11, 2016 at 1:50 PM

To: Momoko Ishijima <mishijima@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

Cc: Andrew Miner <aminer@sunnyvale.ca.gov>, Trudi Ryan <tryan@sunnyvale.ca.gov>, Rebecca Moon <RMoon@sunnyvale.ca.gov>

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City staff, please respond within 72-hours.

Thank you,

Cristina Pfeffer

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From: **Tanja Smith** [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, Apr 8, 2016 at 4:39 PM

Subject: Summit Denali hope to be new school location at Weddell Drive

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Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

My name is Tanja Smith and I have a student in 7th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

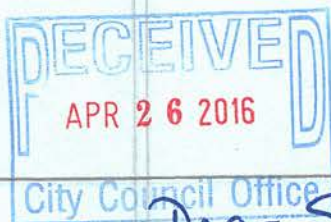
My daughter is flourishing at Summit Denali both academically and socially. She has made a great group of friends and is also excelling in her classes where she is now even working on 8th grade curriculum. She is now a self directed learner and eager to prepare herself for college and is getting all she needs to do so at Summit.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my child and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need is your help to make that happen. **Please help us move through the approval process at Weddell Drive in time to open our school in the Fall.**

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Sincerely,

Tanja Smith



April 22, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale City Council and Planning Commission,

My name is Florence BeGole and I have a student in 6th grade at Summit Public School.

Aiden has thrived in this small school where he can learn at his own speed. He finished 6th grade in just over 2 months and is currently working on 8th grade coursework. He is excited to go to school instead of bored. Even though he has advanced so rapidly in the academic work, he is still able to socially be with his age-appropriate peers in the actual classroom.

The ability to accommodate a student's needs, both academically and socially, is what makes Summit a unique and valuable school.

Additionally, the diversity of the student body is representative of the actual world we live in. Our home/neighborhood school in Los Altos/Sunnyvale (Cupertino District) resembles a privileged bubble in which too many children do not get the chance they need to truly interact with various real socio-economic levels in real society.

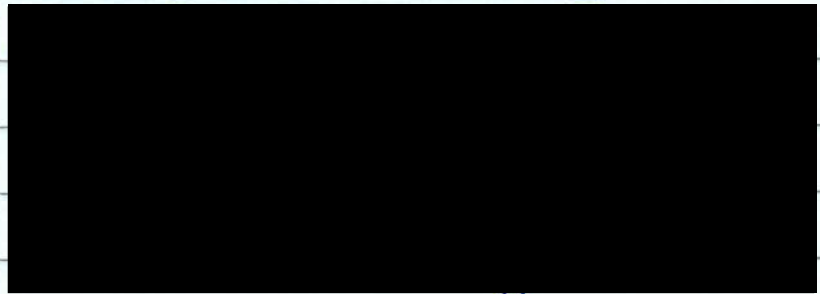
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For me, this is an essential part of my children's upbringing: the ability to effectively interact with all members of society that they will work and live with eventually.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Florence BeGole



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PLANNING DIVISION

Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission

My name is Sharlene Wang and I have a student in 8th grade and a student in 7th grade at Summit Public School: Denali. My family and I have also been homeowners and residents of Sunnyvale for the last ten years.

We decided to enroll our children in Summit Denali based on its educational philosophy and its small class sizes. We are so pleased to have such a fine educational institution that fit our children's needs within Sunnyvale, itself.

Summit Denali is defining what education will look like in the future, one in which children are self-directed and challenged in a supportive environment. The school itself is frequently profiled as an example and leader in education initiatives and it is constantly contributing to efforts to build the education community as a whole. Having such a well-regarded institution within the city brings Sunnyvale more positive press and its contributions are just as important as any well-known tech company to the Sunnyvale community.

Last year the Summit Denali students won a competition sponsored by the Khan Academy. Sal Khan and many members of his staff came to the school to present a trophy and to recognize the students for their hard work. To hear the students scream when they saw Khan, you would have thought a rock star was among them. And, to many of the students, he is. It was gratifying to hear students recognize academic achievement as such an exciting accomplishment. The environment and style of Summit Denali really contributes towards these goals.

The Summit mentor system helps student bond with teachers at the school and to help guide them through their years at the school. When one of my daughters finished her academic curriculum for her grade early, at her own speed, she didn't have to sit idly in a classroom waiting for other students to catch up. Her mentor helped her form a book club with other students who were also a little ahead in their academic goals. They collectively selected a challenging book to read, jointly watched the movie based on the book and then compared and contrasted how the content was treated differently between the written work and the movie. The opportunity to move beyond the standard curriculum energized my daughter's interest in literature and motivated her to "get

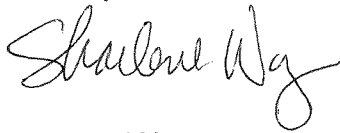
ahead” in her curriculum work for the next year so that she would have the opportunity to work on more projects like this the next year.

My family is very involved in the local Sunnyvale community outside of school. Both my daughters are active players in the Sunnyvale Girls Softball League and their father is both a coach and a board member of the league for the last 7 years. We’ve been excited and happy to introduce Sunnyvale softball to some of the students at Denali and to see some of those students join the Sunnyvale league. Each year we hope to integrate more students into the Sunnyvale community through these types of activities.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my children and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community. I ask that you please continue to provide the school your strong support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharlene Wang". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sharlene Wang



Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Kim Anh Vo., and I have a daughter in 8th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. Next year, she will be entering 9th grade at Summit Denali. I have been a resident at Sunnyvale for about more than ten years.

Summit Denali has been a huge impact on my family and my daughter's life. They have truly offered something special for my daughter at school. The community at Summit Denali is not like common schools. At Summit Denali, people are closer together, the bond of community is stronger. My daughter has a community group at school that is like her family at school. The learning experience at Summit Denali is also very unique. My daughter gets to learn the curriculum at her own pace while also having project classes that help use the things that she learned to create final products that demonstrate important life skills (such as making connections and inferences or critiquing the reasonings of others). My child is always excited for school because she enjoys the learning experience that Summit Denali provides. I am always thankful that my daughter has gotten a chance to attend Summit Denali because I know that she will be provided all the help she needs to succeed and that she will be ready when it comes to applying for colleges. From the day my daughter had started Summit Denali I have seen her improve greatly.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my child and all the other students in our community a high quality education and a truly unique school experience. We need your help and support to make this happen. Please support Summit Denali.

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community. I ask that you please continue to provide the school your strong support so that my daughter and all the other kids in the community may succeed.

Sincerely,
Kim Anh T. Vo



May 4, 2016

Mayor, City Council, and Planning Commission
City of Sunnyvale

Sent by email to: planningcommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov, council@sunnyvale.ca.gov,
mishijima@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Members of the Sunnyvale City Council and Sunnyvale Planning Commission:

As CEO of Innovate Public Schools, I am writing to express my strong support for Summit Denali and hope that you will do everything that you can to support it to thrive in the city.

In my role with Innovate, I have had the opportunity to visit many of the best schools in the country. Summit is one of just a few public school organizations leading the way in using technology to personalize the educational experience for students. Summit's schools are regularly flooded with visitors from around the country who travel to Sunnyvale or Redwood City to see how Diane Tavenner and her team are re-imagining schooling. If you have not had the chance to visit, I highly recommend that you do so.

Summit Denali is just the kind of school we need in Silicon Valley, as it is preparing students to succeed in our increasingly competitive global economy. It is one of the highest-performing schools in our community, with students growing in math at nearly the double the national rate according to the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. Seventh graders at Summit Denali outperformed all comparable public school options in English Language Arts and nearly all in math on the most recent state assessment.

Summit is a critical resource for our community, an important asset to Sunnyvale, and a model from which so many other public schools are learning. I hope you will support Summit Denali to continue providing the children of our community with a high-quality public school education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Hammer", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Matt Hammer
CEO

Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission
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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Sathya Prakash and I have a student in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali. We are resident of Sunnyvale.

Our son is very active and as such going to a regular school does not sink with him. Summit's teaching model is very apt for my son – who can do online interactive study and then do projects to help with reinforcing the concepts. There is no other model that will work for my son and get him to speed in learning.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my child and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need is your help to make that happen. **Please help us move through the approval process at Weddell Drive in time to open our school in the Fall.**

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community. Please help out the community and make the best decision.

Sincerely,

Sathya Prakash