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May 5th, 2016

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

My name is Ralph Merrem and I have two students in 6th and 8thgrade at Summit Public School: Denali. We have been living in Sunnyvale for over 10 years.

Last December, I was planning a family vacation to Hawaii. I talked to my children but they rejected the plan because they would miss a few days of school.

This is amazing and quite different from what I remember my attitude was in middle school. Summit Denali is an amazing school!

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 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,



Ralph Merrem

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is _Dave Jewett resident at Willow Ranch in Sunnyville and I have a grand kids at Summit Public School: Denali

Admittedly I have a personal interest in the best educational advantages for my grandkids, but also strongly want to encourage the growth in the Charter school system. My feeling is that commercial interests aside, Sunnyvale should take pride in their support of educational systems for our children and pride in support of Charter schools in the city of Sunnyvale.

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

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Sincerely,



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Sunnyvale, Ca 94089

Though this started as a form letter, I modified it with my most sincere wishes . Accordingly it is signed in Crayon.

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Erin Killian Evers and I have twins who are students in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali. I am also a resident of Sunnyvale, having lived here for over 12 years.

My twins self-selected to attend Denali Summit after hearing rave reviews from their older friends who attend. My twins are committed to going to college and getting into a good school. They love the academics Denali Summit offers and the opportunity to be with other kids who share their love to STEAM-based programs. As a VP in the high-tech industry, you can imagine how proud I am of their interest in this field.

Additionally, I love the human-centered approach Denali Summit provides. The school's focus on community, service and compassion to all resonates with my family deeply, as we seek to provide solutions to the betterment of the world in which we live.

I know my company has recently announced opening a STEAM-based charter school right near my work (Oracle). While I will have the option to move my children here, I remain dedicated to Denali Summit and the area in which we live. The teachers and staff provide a level of support I have never seen in any school (private, public, charter) and are truly dedicated to building effective contributors to our society.

When conflicts occur, we work together to solve them, which is why I am writing to you today. 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 your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

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Sincerely,

Erin Killian Evers
1613 Swallow Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Robert and Alice Scritzky
1078 Castleton Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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May 4, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

Our names are Robert and Alice Scritzky. We have been residents and homeowners in Sunnyvale for the past 20 years. Our son, Trevor, is a student in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

A few years ago, a friend recommended the documentary film "Waiting for Superman". It features several charter schools in its presentation of the charter school movement, including Summit Everest (Redwood City). With both of us in technology, the revolutionary and individualized learning program resonated with us. With our 2 sons approaching intermediate school age, we learned that Summit had opened a new school in Sunnyvale, Summit Denali.

We feel so fortunate to have the choice for our children to attend Denali in Sunnyvale. Our younger son, Kyle, is currently in 5th grade, and we plan to send him to Denali as well. He is looking forward to joining his older brother at Denali, where the teachers and staff have been so supportive, caring and amazing, and the unique personalized learning program is working for his brother.

One of the City of Sunnyvale's core values is helping support residents' access to a quality education. That's exactly what Summit Denali is doing. As our city officials, we ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our children and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

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Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,
Robert and Alice Scritzky

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Marius Evers and I have two students in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali. I live and work in Sunnyvale and like most parents I am passionate about providing the best education possible for all children in our city.

Summit Denali has been a great partner for us the education of my children, and also for their many friends and classmates at the school. There are two things that more than anything else demonstrate how Summit Denali is a great asset to our community and our students:

One is the motivation that Summit Denali helps foster in my children. Through the school, my children now truly understand the link between their schoolwork and how that helps put them on a path to success, college education, and a good career. I had expected that I would have to continually convince them of this, but instead my children are now self-motivated and working individually towards their educational goals while still balancing schoolwork with free time and leisure activities.

The other is that Summit Denali does a great job of bringing together students of diverse backgrounds, both in terms of ethnic and socioeconomic groupings. This makes for a really healthy environment where academic excellence is fostered for all of the people in our city.

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 support Summit Denali.**

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Sincerely,

Marius Evers

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Rebecca Mesch. I am a resident of Sunnyvale and an employee of Summit Public Schools. I have lived in Sunnyvale for a combined total of 11 years--nine years as a student of Sunnyvale's public schools in grades 4-12, and two years now returned as a teacher who contributes to Sunnyvale's community. I am an extremely proud alumna of Nimitz Elementary, Cupertino Middle School (located in Sunnyvale), and Fremont High School.

Summit Denali serves students in Northern Sunnyvale, providing these students with educational opportunities to make college a reality for each and every student. Summit's mission is simple: College for all. All students who graduate from a Summit school will graduate having applied and been accepted to at least one 4-year college or university. Right now we have a 99% college acceptance rate. That's what I love about Summit, and that's why I so strongly support the opening of Summit Denali's high school campus on Weddell drive this fall. These students need somewhere to continue their high-quality Summit education, and they need to be given the access and opportunities to make college a reality for each of them. In the future, due to their college degrees, they will enhance and contribute to the local Sunnyvale economy manifold. Investment in education is truly an investment in a better future, and it will only make Sunnyvale a better place to live. But it all starts here. These students need a place to learn--it just needs to be ready.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our students and more students 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,
Rebecca Mesch

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Eileen Kim. I am a resident of Sunnyvale and an employee of Summit Public Schools. I have lived in Sunnyvale for almost 3 years now.

I understand that Summit Public Schools has a new space for Denali very near my home! (I live off Weddell near Fair Oaks.) However, I hear that Denali can't move in yet and thus may not be able to be ready to open for the 2016-17 school year. This would be devastating for current Denali students and parents as well as for new incoming sixth-grade students and their families.

As a Summit Public Schools teacher (I teach at Tahoma, a Summit high school in San Jose), I implore you to consider doing what needs to be done to make sure Denali is ready to open for the next school year to the bright, young, and eager faces of students who not only want to learn and get their education, but also want to be on the path towards college readiness. Summit's mission is to prepare a diverse and heterogeneous population of students for college and to be thoughtful and contributing members of society. Our small class sizes, emphasis on student-teacher relationships, the mentor group program, and Expeditions classes are just a few of the many things we value and implement at Summit in order to fulfill that mission.

Our students (and their parents!) speak highly of the strong, personal relationships students have with each other and with their teachers. My mentor group will be graduating this spring and going to college in the fall. The majority of them will be the first in their family to attend college. It has been an *honor and privilege* to be a part of their journey. My mentees are near and dear to my heart and I am so proud of the work they've done to reach this important milestone. However, this experience is not just unique to me. This happens every year at every Summit school where we graduate students who've been receiving messages all their life that they'll never make it through high school and that a 4-year university doesn't have a place for them. Summit is a school that ensures our students feel empowered and are equipped with the tools and skills necessary to make our world a better place, no matter what they look like, what language they speak, or what zipcode they live in.

Please consider being a part of Summit's mission that values community, collaboration, inclusion, college readiness, and growth. As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our students and more students 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.**

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Sincerely,

Eileen Kim

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Cyatharine Alias. I am a resident of Sunnyvale and an employee of Summit Public Schools. I have lived in Sunnyvale for 10 months.

I first joined Summit this past year as a 7th grade science teacher. This is my first year teaching and I'm sure you have heard of how challenging the first year is for all teachers. I appreciate working at Summit for my first year because of the collaboration and care that the staff at Summit Denali have for the students - the children of Sunnyvale. It's been an interesting experience for me working and living in the same area as my students because I often run into them throughout Sunnyvale and this makes me feel like I'm part of a community that is larger than the classroom I'm in. This gives me more purpose and understanding about what my students might know or can relate to. Furthermore, as a science teacher, I'm excited about the new campus because it provides more space with access to greenery just around the building itself so that during our ecosystems unit we can spend time doing observations. Also, as a middle school teacher, the size of space for outside time will definitely allow our children to be children freely without being confined to a small space. This way they can expend their energy and be more focused in the classroom so that they are more prepared to learn.

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Sincerely,

Cyatharine Alias

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Megan Young. I am a resident of Sunnyvale and an employee of Summit Public Schools. I have lived in Sunnyvale for 3 years.

I joined SPS because I believe every student should have the best possible access to higher education. Summit has accomplished outstanding college acceptance and graduation rates, and I am very glad to support this mission.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our students and more students 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Young', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Megan Young

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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.**

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Sincerely,

Sathya Prakash

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

Our names are Heather Chen and David Chen and we have students in both 6th and 8th grade at Summit Public School: Denali. We are also a Sunnyvale residents.

The decision of where to send our children to school is a very personal one. What works well for one child/family doesn't always work for others. If private schools are not an option due to financial restrictions, then many folks do not have options beyond the local public school. In our family's case, private school is not an option, but we felt that our quietly creative kids would benefit from a small school experience. When we found out about Summit Denali, a public charter school with only about 100 kids per grade level, we were instantly hooked! Beyond the small-school environment, the additional benefits of having a personal mentor, able to work at their own pace via personalized learning, learning to collaborate and package their work via project based learning were all worth the risk of attending a "startup" school. Both of our kids are benefiting from their experience at Summit Denali. They are known by their teachers and administrators. They are taking ownership of their learning, making mistakes along the way and learning from those as well. They are part of a community that they value.

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,

Heather & David Chen

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Members of the Planning Commission,

My family has lived in Sunnyvale for 14 years, almost 9 of them in North Sunnyvale.

As a resident of North Sunnyvale, we live in the Santa Clara School District, and as such none of the assigned schools for our address can be considered neighborhood schools. Our assigned middle school is more than 5 miles away from our home, and students taking the school bus must leave approximately 45 minutes before the first bell. That makes for very early mornings for adolescents who most need their sleep in order to grow and retain the information they are learning.

We were quite excited when our son, a rising 6th grader, received a spot in Summit Denali's innovative program. The current Mercury Drive campus would be much closer than any other school he's attended, but when we learned about the new campus on Weddell we were *ecstatic!* Finally, a neighborhood school our son could walk or bike to each day! Not only will we be able to reduce our commute time, he will be able to gain and grow valuable skills he will need as he becomes a young man.

Summit Charter Schools high school program was just named to the US New & World Report as top schools in California and the nation. I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my child and children in our community a high-quality education. We need is your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

Sincerely,

Jill Shanmugasundaram
Future Denali Parent

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Leslie Eme and I am a staff person at Summit Public Schools.

I am passionate about working to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to realize their full potential as individuals and global citizens. In order for young people to reach their full potential, it is essential that they have access to a high quality public education.

Summit Denali is a public charter school operated by Summit Public Schools in the city of Sunnyvale. Summit Public School's mission is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to not only attend, but succeed in, a four-year college or university. Our schools consistently rank among the best in California and the nation. To date, 99 percent of Summit students have been accepted to one or more four-year colleges, and its graduates are completing college at double the national average.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leslie Eme", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

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

My daughter loves her school. She loves the fact that she can choose her own educational path due to Summit Denali's amazing personalized learning focus. Also, she enjoys being able to collaborate with other students on projects. I love the school because it is small enough that all of the staff know all of the teachers, that every student has a mentor, and that the discussion about college starts from day one, and is all about **when** you go to college, not **if** you go to college. I have lived in the Santa Clara Valley all of my life, and I am so thrilled that Summit Public Schools in general, and Denali in particular are options for our children.

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Sincerely,

Frank Throckmorton

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Alexandra Chatskaia Nations. I am a resident of Sunnyvale and an employee of Summit Public Schools. I have lived in Sunnyvale for two years.

The thing that I most appreciated about Summit while working here was the mentor group structure. I have had the same group of mentees since they were freshmen and now they are graduating. Almost all of them have gotten into college now and it has been an amazing journey to be a part of their success stories.

As our city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our students and more students 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,

Alexandra Chatskaia Nations

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

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

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Sincerely,

Becky Divinski

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Tony Bartyczak and I have a student in the 8th grade enrolled at Summit Denali Public School. We commute 15 miles every day to allow our son to attend this school. From what I have seen, the extra morning traffic is easily managed in this area.

Our son is thriving in this school. It has a very unique and forward thinking approach to education that has really resonated with many of the students. They are not only learning, but really understanding the subjects.

As Sunnyvale city officials, I would like to ask for your help so that Summit Denali can continue to provide my child the quality education that he is now receiving. In the long term, many children will benefit from having this school in your neighborhood.

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

Sincerely,



Anthony J Bartyczak

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Yaping Gu and I have a student Richard Tian in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

My Son Richard is very active and good kid, however he has minor Dyslexia, and in elementary, Richard has gone through a few tough years. I have found it very hard to communicate with the teachers in elementary school, and teachers feedback is slow and intervention plan don't work well.

When it's time to attend middle school, between mountain view middle school and summit, my son and I checked out both. We talked to teachers and read about programs. And I am impressed with the personalized learning plan and the mentor for student etc, my son impressed by various interesting groups they had, including 3D printing and rubes cube club etc. We in consensus to give summit a try.

During this first year, there are struggles for Richard as expected, as he is quite behind in elementary on math and english. However as parent, I felt I know where we are, I don't need to chase the teachers to know where Richard is at. I can log into the personalized learning plan and see where Richard is behind. And mentor is very proactively communicating with parent with student's progress, how I as parent can help. The communication is so much better. And the intervention is quicker and more detailed.

And there are also so many other activities summit provide, each kid can find something fit. Richard has been attending chess, art, 3D printing, Rubes cube etc, and Richard one time showed me he can change all sides of rube's cube into same color in a little more than a minute. I am amazed!

May 4, 2017

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Dear Sunnyvale City Council & Planning Commission,

My name is Debbie Stauffer, and I have a student in 6th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

If you had an opportunity to watch Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg do a live broadcast today about the future of education, you would know that he was speaking from the location of one of the Summit public schools in the Bay Area to provide this information. He spoke about how the innovation of personalized learning is a game-changer for creating opportunities for learners of all levels and therefore accelerating significant gains for our workforce and community. Summit schools are nationally considered "best of class" in helping to develop this pedagogical practice. Not only is Zuckerberg a direct champion by providing Summit's back-end engineering platform from his engineering team, but also Bill Gates held up the Summit model to over 3,000 top educational and investment leaders at premier educational event two weeks ago. Something big is happening at Summit, and it's happening in Sunnyvale.

What is so special about this practice is that it is succeeding in a public school environment for a vastly diverse student population, and Sunnyvale is the only location where Summit is operating its soon-to-be largest campus serving 6th - 12th grade students totaling 700 students.

As an educational startup, our school needs your support. In a community rich with so many physical resources, we need your help to provide a location for this transformational work to happen. The work of this school will benefit not only the students, but also the field at large with this trailblazing effort.

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,

Deborah Stephens Stauffer
Summit Denali Parent

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Oldubai, and I'm in 1th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is our education system. I like that we can learn at our own pace without being stressed out. So if you are better at one subject then you can move ahead. I also like that we get to use computers because if we are confused we can easily search it online and get help.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Oldubai Pastrana, 1th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Zayda Cervantes, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is how it's unique. 1 way it's unique is because, at my other school, you would be either ahead or behind your classwork. And here at Denali, every student works at their own pace. Which I feel comfortable with. I also really enjoy how each week me and my mentor check in about my education, outside of school, and what I need to work on.

I hope we people at Summit Denali have your support.

Sincerely,

Zayda Cervantes, 7th Grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

4/19/16

My name is Evangeline Si and I am a 7th grader at Summit Denali. This letter is to show you in Council how important Summit is to me.

Summit encourages us to learn at our own paces by giving us a multitude of resources.

Summit's teachers support us better because we are given more chances and time to talk to them, especially during Office Hours.

The students are encouraged to venture beyond their friend groups and to gain new friends.

Summit has a warm, friendly environment that supports learning, so we should have our request approved.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali,
Evangeline Si, 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Jordyn Davila, and im in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like most about Denali is how fun it is. One way it is fun is when we use computers. Another way is in project time.

Sincerely,
Jordyn Davila

Dear Sunningdale City Council,

My name is Leila Shahidi. I'm a seventh grader here at Summit Denali. Honestly, this place is great. I mean, it's not Hogwarts, but it's getting to that point. I love Denali for two reasons: My friends and the way they encourage us to pursue our passions.

I love to come to school to see my friends in a circle, talking about something geeky. My friends are the ones who get me through the day. They encourage my work, pick me up when I'm feeling low, and put up with my weirdness. Denali is full of nice people like my friends.

At Denali, they encourage us to pursue our passions. Some schools only care about whether you're good at math and science. Here, they understand that I love to read and write and help me follow what I love. The teachers accept whatever you want to do, and will support you.

Thank you for supporting our school!

- Leila Shahidi, 7th Grade

Dear sunnyvale city council,

My name is Eduardo and I'm
in 7th grade at summit
denali in sunnyvale. I am
writing to tell you about
my school. What I love about
this school is we get to use
computers and we have
some fun classes.

Thank you for supporting
denali!

Sincerely

Eduardo, 7th grade

Dear Sonnyvale City Council,
My name is Hector, and I'm in 7th grade
at Summit Denali in Sonnyvale. I am writing about this
School.

What I Love most about Denali is
The computers, the best about the computers is
that we don't need to cut down more trees.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Hector 7th grade

April 19, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hi! My name is Teller, I'm a seventh grader in Summit Denali in Sunnyvale, and I'm writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali, are the friendships you make here. Although you have your mentor group, you make friends outside of that. Denali teaches you the (proper) social skills needed to build long lasting friendships.

Another thing I admire about Denali, are the persistence shown by the teachers. Most teachers don't just give you the time or help you need. They show the proper help you need. Denali teachers help you, but they let you still figure it out yourself.

You cannot compare the teachers and friendships at Denali, thank you for taking the time to read what a seventh grader has to say.

Sincerely,
Teller 7th grader

4-19-16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hello! My name is Anne Hu, and I'm a 7th grader at Summit Denali. I'm writing today to inform you about my school.

One of my favorite things about our school is how students get to use the resources that help them the most. During our self directed learning time, we work through "playlists" of resources. These resources can be textbooks, videos, presentations or a lot more! So students get to experiment with different types of resources, and learn which types they learn from most. This later comes into play when students research for papers because they'll know what resources they will understand and should use.

I also love how we get to learn the skill of giving and asking for feedback. During project times, students sometimes write papers. I ask for feedback a lot, which helps me learn the skill of editing and revising. Sometimes students "peer feedback" so we will get to learn how to give constructive feedback, which will help us later in life.

Thanks for supporting!

Anne Hu 7th grade

Anne Hu

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Ryan Wang, and I'm in Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that we do independent learning most of the time, so we can be more responsible now and in the future. One other reason is because some of our projects are hands on, group projects, and online learning.

Please let us use the building, and thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerley,

Ryan Wang - Ry^Wang

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Nate, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I ~~like~~ most about Denali is that we get a little break from projects during expeditions, and do other things.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Nate 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City council

My name is Ketan and I am in 7th grade at summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about denali is that the small space makes it so I can learn a bit about everyone.

Thank you for supporting Summit denali

Sincerely

Ketan

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

My name is Alfredo Salazar and
I think that you should approve the School
Summit deal: to move into the building that
they want to move into.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Salazar



Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Daniel, and I'm
in 7th grade at Summit Denali
in Sunnyvale. I am writing to
tell you about my school.

What I like most about
Denali is that we ~~don't~~ have
homework if we finish everything
we need to during Pt.

Thank you for supporting
Summit Denali!

Sincerely,
Daniel, 7th Grade

Dear Sunnyvale city concil,

What I love about Summit Denali is that all of the teachers and the students are all nice, when you need help with something the teachers here will help you. If you need a friend, the students will be friendly here and be your friend. Another thing I like about Summit Denali is that everyone in this school always trying to incourage you to do great things, like passing tests and helping others. This is a few reasons why I love about Summit Denali. I would never change a thing about Summit Denali.

From a Denali Summit Student,
Domenic Gicale

Dear City Council,

At this school I like people who are silly like me. Some people are more sillier than me. I like that this school belongs to the same chain of schools that my brother belongs to. I like getting hot chocolate in the morning when students sell it.

Goodbye,

Daniel

Dear, City council

What i like about this is
making New friend, Food passed
playlist, playing football and why
i like this because this what
I like at the other School

By

Diego

Dear City council

What I like about Summit Denali is when the teachers help you when you need it, and I like PLT, and I like my friends and I also like it when you talk to someone and you make friends

From
Cesar Perez

Dear City Council,

I like Denali because it allows me to move forward and thrive. It has an staff of kind teachers. Denali shows us the norms for learning and the growth mindset.

Sincerely,

Blukon E

Dear city council,

The many reasons I love this school is because the teachers are so willing to help me no matter I resist or don't want them to, but i'm always glad they helped me. I am able to work at my own pace, well not completely but much better than my last school the teachers are fun, the workspace is quiet... most of the time and the teachers are willing to take a joke or riddle or two too brighten your day and theirs. I love the space, the layout of the school and the area there are so many spaces for one on one conversations and the teachers are serious but not too serious love this place and i don't like school but this is a great school and i have pretty hard life but this school this environment and these teachers are great!

Sincerely, Alex Hopwood

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Alex Hopwood". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first name "Alex" is written in a more compact, rounded script, while "Hopwood" is written in a more elongated, flowing script with a prominent vertical stroke at the end.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hello, my name is Soojeong and
I am a student here at Summit
denali.

I really like this school because
if you need help than we can get it.
The teachers and most of the students
are kind.
for

Sincerely, Soojeong.



Dear Sunny Vale
City Council,

I am Yanis and I go to Summit Denali. We want to add a second school, to have more room and more grades. They have a new learning curriculum which is really good. All in all Summit Denali is an amazing school, and you should approve of the building.

Sincerely,
Yanis.

Dear Sunnyvale School Council

Please let us keep our school. I like Denali because we are allowed to learn at our own pace, as long as we can learn ~~enough~~ the year's curriculum by the end of the school year. This new school will allow us to have more space to learn.

-Harris

Andrew Tudor

Dear Sunnyvale City council,

My name is Andrew and I am in 6th grade, I think that you should keep the school going because this school is doing very well and it would not be cool if you got rid of this school. This school is very cool but, I think that you should maybe make the school bigger because this school is kind of small and there's not that much space. It will benefit the way that we can get more space and we won't have to be walking in a big crowd like in a fair or in a huge line waiting for something.

Sincerely, Andrew Christopher Tudor

19th April 2016

Dear The Sunnyvale City Council,

As a Summit Denali student, I think that other than all of the great things here such as PLP, Project time, and Expeditions, the one and only downside of this school is that it doesn't have enough space to operate. I moved to this school after I experienced Buchser Middle School because here, you can learn at your own pace. I thought that lessons at my old school were too slow, so I moved here to work at my own pace.

We want to succeed. If you ask anyone you know, "Is education the key to success?" then they will most likely say yes. There is one thing I ask of you. To promote our plea to learn. We have the right to ask of you to do the right. The right is to allow us to learn.

Sincerely,

Steve Ueda

Student of Summit Denali

6th gradez

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Ueda". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names clearly distinguishable.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hi. My name is Ella. I am a 6th grader at Summit Denali. I am writing this letter about the new building we have.

Summit Denali is a great place for students to learn at their own pace. If they need help, we can always ask another student. Another nice thing is we get to use chromebooks. Chromebooks are nice because we can find information about so much. Chromebooks teach us responsibility because we are responsible about what happens with our chromebook. Also, on the chromebook is the PLP which is very efficient for learning. We are all a community at Denali.

If we can have more space for more students, they can learn about self directed learning. Also, Denali is already crowded and if we added another 100 students, we wouldn't have enough space to learn effectively.

Sincerely,

Ella C.

Ella J. Chen
ELLA

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Amber and I'm in 6th grade at Sunnyvale Summit Denali. And I'm writing to you to tell you that we should have a new Summit Denali School, so we can make the grades up to 12th grade.

A reason why I want to make or let Summit Denali School stay is when it helps us keep our pace, some people also help us catch up or we help people who need our, or their, help. Another reason why is because there are many kinds of culture and different people who are good friends we can befriend, like teachers or other students.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Amber, 6th grade

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amber', written in dark ink.

Dear City Council members,

My name is Donovan Pelton of Summit denali, I was told that we are moving schools if you accept us. It's really cramped in here and that makes it harder to learn. I don't know why your wouldn't, our school is the best, we get our own time to work and learn on our own time. We get to read and do math with khan, which is fun. Also, the teachers are very nice, my community leader mr. Kahler is always nice(well most of the time, but when he gets mad, I understand). Overall, I think that denali is the best school and I believe that you should let us move.

Sincerely,
Denali lover,
Donovan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donovan Pelton". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hi, my name is Kiana Lee, I am a sixth grader and I go to Summit Denali.

Some reasons I like my school is...

- > The projects we do
- > The playlists we use for teachings
- > How teachers treat their students (by checking in with the students)

With another school open, students could have different experiences than other schools. With these added it up to progress, the school, Summit Denali, would be a good place to learn and experience of Summit Denali. Students like me could have different ways to have the progress they deserve.

Since we need a school, the school should have...

- > Space for people to walk around
- > Spread the teachings

With some reasons listed above, we could make another school possible.

Sincerely,

Kiana Lee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kiana Lee', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning.

Dear, Sunnyvale City Council

Hi, my name is, Leslie and i'm in 6th grade at summit denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What i love most about denali is that we have all of our work on our computers

Thank you, for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely, Leslie

Leslie Aguilar



Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hi my name is Cathy and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. What i like about Summit Denali is using Chromebooks. I like using them because it keeps our work organized, instead of losing paperwork we have it on our computers, also because it's more easier to get things done instead of on paper. The reason i think we should have a new building because our building right now is too small to add another grade and if we just have this building it's going to be tight with all the other grades. I hope we get the building.

Cathy S.

Sincerely,
Cathy S

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

As a Summit Denali student, I think that we should keep Summit Denali. Some reasons might be that the school is small. This is bad because it is hard to work when other classes are loud. The reason that you should give Summit Denali a bigger school is because Summit Denali uses computers, and I can sort things out easier, easier and faster to learn.

Sincerely,
Jaston Hu

Jaston Hu

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Hi my name is Esther. I am a 6th grader at Summit Denali.

The reasons why I like this school is because...

- We have the liberty to study at our own pace.
- The teachers help us whenever we need their assistance.
- The projects we do as a group.

The reasons why the new building should be made into a new school is that if you add another 100 students to the 300 students, this space will be too cramped.

For these reasons, I think that the new building should be made into a school.

Sincerely,

Esther



Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Giovanni and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.

Some reasons why I like Denali is, that i like how we get are own chromebooks. Another reason why I like Denali, are the teachers, the teachers because I like how they are helpful to you.

Also, I think we should move to the new place because here at Denali there is a lack of space, and maybe with the new place there could be more space.

Sincerely,
Giovanni G.

Giovanni Gicale

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,
My name is Angela, and I'm in
6th grade at Summit Denali in
Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you
about my school.

What I love most about Denali is
that we can choose when to take
assessments and work at our own pace.
We can also go on to the next
grade if we mastered the content
required for our grade level. I also
really like the open spaces here in
this building as well as the sizes
of the "classrooms" here. Another
great asset to our school are the
staff here and how they constantly
strive to help us improve in many
different areas, not necessarily academically.

Thank you for supporting
Summit Denali!

Sincerely,
Angela, 6th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Brandon Hernandez, and I am in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is the teaching methods used, the teachers take learning and put them into fun and interesting situations. Another thing I like about Denali is the large open working spaces, this gives a feeling of freedom.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Brandon Hernandez, 6th grade

Tuesday April 19th, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale city council,
My name is Zoe and, I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali are the huge open spaces and the self directed learning. I love the huge open spaces because you can talk with your friends and play games. I love the self directed learning because at some of my other schools it would be too fast or too slow, but here it's perfect!

Thank you for supporting Denali!

Sincerely,

Zoe, 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Antonio, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school. What I love the most about denali is the open space you can learn and feel more comfortable in. I also like the ways we can talk with other people we don't know.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Antonio 6th grade

4/19/16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

I am a 6th grade student at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like about my school is many things. The teachers here help us a lot and always try to help us understand things to help us be successful. What I also like about my school is that you get to go at your own pace and trying to figure out things by yourself. With the help of other students and teachers I feel like Summit Denali is a great school and you could always seek help here.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Sincerely,
Ellie , 6th grade student



Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Savanna and I am 6th
grade at Summit Denali

~tbh the school is great and fun~

~tbh the food is okay~

~tbh by besties are the best so that
is why I love this school

Thank you for supporting Denali

Love, savanna

Thank
you

so

much!



Thank
you

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Daniel Gandhi, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that we have the big open spaces which is good for hanging out at break and lunch, but also good for the teachers because they have more room in their class. Also I like that it is self paced learning because I was able to get way ahead and I'm already done with my 7th grade Science.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Daniel Gandhi, 6th grade student.

Dear City Council,

My name is Mark, I am in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like Denali the most is that we have fun learning. That means the teachers are fun, we have fun, and we learn. We always have teachers to support us when we have to work and when it's hard for us they help. They never are yelling at us, except maybe if we DO go over the top, but that rarely happens. Most of the time we work and have a lot of progress. The work is hard, but not too hard, it's easy, but not TOO easy.

The other part of our school is the part that EVERYONE can learn. That means everyone learns the same things but in different ways. Like you learn better by video? Watch videos on the subject. Learn better by reading? There are many articles and online sources. And if you are having a problem, you can collaborate with other people that help you, or you help them, and while doing that, you can make friends.

Sincerely,
Mark Haiko, 6th Grade.

Dear sunnyvale city council,

My name is Rebecca . I am in 6th grade. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

I am writing to tell you about my school. What I like about denali is that all my friends are here to support me and help me along the way. Like one time my friends help with one of my playlist and they are the ones who helped me pass. Also I like the big space in the classroom, because whenever I need to use the bathroom it is easy to get past.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali

sincerely ,

Rebecca from 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Steven Johnson and Im in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school. Also, you may have remembered me from my speech at the City Council meeting.

What I love most about Denali is that students get to take tests when they're ready. This helps me learn responsibility and If I'm not ready I won't get an outrageous score like 0/10 . Also it has helped me get new friends. Because we have combined PLT time (Time to work on our electives on the computer) I have made friends. I am currently working on 7th grade electives because I finished my 6th ones but sometimes I need help so I collab with kids that are in 7th grade. Also, Sometimes I pass a test that some kids haven't so that gives me the opportunity to help others increasing my skills further.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Steven Johnson, 6th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Erick Mayen, and I am in 6th Grade at summit denali. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is all the people that you get to talk to, the computers that we get to have, and most of all the fun things that all the students in this school get to do.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Erick Mayen, 6th Grade

Dear City Council,

My name is Mateo, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that you can learn at your own pace with the playlists. There is a blue line that measures when you need to complete a playlist, and that really helps because I know when I need to complete a playlist. I am already doing 7th grade playlists because I completed all 6th grade playlists. I am glad they let me do this because I would just be sitting there doing nothing.

Another thing that I love about Denali is that the staff is great! Our principals, Mr. Bock and Mr. Bielicki, are great at what they do. My 6th grade teachers, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Mayer, Ms. Andersen, and Mr. Gravelle, are really good and funny teachers. Ms. Miranda is also very great and likes to help the school any way she can. There is also the Tech Team that helps kids fix any problems there are on the chromebooks.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Mateo Contreras, 6th Grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Jasmine Carrillo Contreras, I am in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing this letter to you (and other students in my school) because we would love to be in the new building, with our own class having a wall and a door and more room for new students. Also since the new building has closed door classrooms it will be more quiet for the other classes to focus.

Things that I like and LOVE in denali is that we have our own mentor classes with our own mentors. Whenever we have community time we always talk about some things in school, ways to improve time, things we need to improve on and ect. The PLP is one of the things that help us. With the PLP we actually get to go at our own pace also the PLP has all four classes, has our grades, goals, reflections, how we're doing on playlists, how we're doing on projects, our own Learning Continuum (It shows the future playlists will will do throughout the years), Summit Reads (Which is a website on clever that helps us improve on our reading), Solves (which is a website called Khan Academy that helps us improve our math). Once we actually went a very exciting, enjoyable, awesome! Field trip to... Facebook!

I would love another exciting year in Summit Denali. So please Sunnyvale City Council let us have our bigger, better school building.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Carrillo Contreras currently in 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale city council

My Name is Diana, And i am in 6th grade at Summit Denali in sunnyvale . I am writing to tell you about my school.

What i love most about denali is the great Teachers we have that support us and i get to see my friends

Thank you for supporting summit denali !

Sincerely,

Diana, 6th grade ~

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Hank, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about Summit Denali so I can learn so i know more.

What I love most about Denali is that i have the best teachers in the world and i couldn't ask for better and that i have the very good friends at this school.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Hank, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Stevian Arguello, and I am in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing this letter to tell you what I like about this school. What I like about Denali is I made friends pretty easy. I came a month or two late, but I still made friends pretty fast. I have a lot of good friends that I have to support me. I also like that Denali has mentors that help us with not only school, but also help us with any problems at home. I feel like they really do care about us.

Sincerely,

Stevian Arguello, 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Samantha and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that we have alot of fun events such as carnivals and dances we have 2 dances each year one at the begginig and one at the end Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Samantha Ocampo, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is kimberly , and I'm in __7__th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that there are nice and caring people that i haven't meet , something else i like about the school is there dances that they have there unique . something that they should improve on is that they should make this school like a normal middle school so kids have a experience of a normal school, like having paper because with the computers the students get distracted and don't learn well . (and they should have doors)

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Kimberly, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Bryan, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is *the people that go here what i love about this is that when i first got here i didn't have any friends and then the second day of school I had tons of friends and they were nice and very good friends. Another thing i like about this school is that the teachers here are very good and they help their students all the time. The reason I like the teachers here is because they do a lot me and the other students. I remember the time one of the teachers help me pass 3 playlist in one day.*

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Bryan, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Tyler, and I'm 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is the teachers and access to technology. Denali is a interesting school and you can work at your own pace

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Tyler, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Mia, and i`m in the 7th grade at Summit Denail in Sunnyvale. I am writting to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is community time i love community time because we get togeter with everyone and our mentor we talk about how i day was or how our weekend went. Another reason that I love summit is project time because we get to do our projects in groups and we get to pick the groups and if we are reading a book we get to watch the movie after...

Thank u for suaoorting Summit Denali!!

Sincerely,

Mia 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Daniela, and I am a 7th grader at Summit Denali at Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like about Denali most is our mentors because if we need someone to talk about something we can trust and go to them. Something else I like about Denali is being able to go at my own pace with the PLP.

Sincerely,
Daniela

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

My name is Melissa , and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is you can learn at your own pace if that is slower or faster for example when i first got to denali from san miguel it was hard for me to learn but once I got the hang of the whole pltg thing I could be passing playlists left and right and i finished 6th grade a few months early things that would never have happened if i was at a traditional school. This year i'm done with 7th grade already and getting great grades in my project times. Without denali i would have been behind barely passing my classes and being piled with homework every day denali has found a way to learn the same thing that you learn at a traditional school your own way instead of sitting in a class hearing a teacher talk and talk and talk and having nothing stick. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Melissa Loza Padilla 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name Guillermo, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that the kids there are really friendly and that we can learn at our own pace if we want to move ahead we can go ahead.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Guillermo

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Sean Pinto, and I am in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

Denali is a very different school. It has project time, Solves/Reads time, and Personalized Learning Time(PLT). During PLT we work by ourselves with resources provided by the teachers. This is very unique and amazing because if you are struggling in certain subjects you can learn at your own pace while if you feel it is too easy, you can speed ahead to where you feel challenged or at par. At different intervals in the year we take map tests. These test diagnose our score and use it to put us into groups. Based on our scores these groups are made. In Summit Reads/Solves Level 4 you have a small group of 1-4 students put in a room with a teacher. The teacher focuses very singularly. In Level 3 you have a larger group and more independant. In Level 2 the teacher checks in on you once a day leaving the rest of the work time independent. Finally in Level 1, the most advanced, students work completely independently and once or twice a week the teacher checks in on you. In project time a group of students work with the teacher on a specialized subject. The projects focus on Cognitive Skills which you are graded on. The learning in the school is very independent which makes it unique. Without Denali, I feel like there is nowhere else to go. The school is great and can stay that way with your help. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali Public School.

Sincerely,

Sean Pinto, 7th Grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Jiapsyh, I am in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about denali is, we get helped individually. Another thing that I like about summit is that we have mentors and they help us out in what we need help. For example, if we are having problems with friends or other people our mentors help us out.

Thanks for Supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely

Jiapsyh Estrada, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Luke and I am in 7th grade at Denali. I am writing to tell you about my school. Denali is a great school and it is a great place to learn. At Denali, we can learn at our own pace so if you learn quickly you can go ahead and learn more stuff without waiting for the class. And, if you are a slow learner, the teacher's help you out. We also do a lot of group work so we can gain skills in working with other people. One of the best things about the Summit schools is that 96% of Summit students go to college, compared to the California average of 40% of kids that go to a 4-year college. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,
Luke Martinez, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyville City Council,

My Name is Kien, and I'm in 7th grade at summit denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is playing with my Friends and going to science project time.

Thankyou for supporting Denali

Sincerely,

Kien 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name Connor, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to you to talk about my school.

What I love most about Denali is we use computers.

Thank you for supporting Denali!

Sincerely,

Connor Giblin 7th Grade

Dear City Council

My name is Theo Gardiner and im
in 7th grade. At Summit denali in
Sunnyvale. I am writing to you to
tell you about my school.

What I love most about denali
is all my friends and teachers, and
how nice they are.

Thank you for helping
den ali

Sincerely

Theo Gardiner 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Ruby, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school

What I love most about Denali is that they help me understand more about what I am learning.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Ruby, 7th grader

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Yury P, and I am in the 7th grade at Summit Denali. This letter is about the new location for our school.

I urge you to allow the school to move in here. Denali is a great school. One of the many benefits is being allowed to move at your own pace. This means that you can finish the grade level's curriculum, and then move on to the next. Denali is truly a great school, and deserves a new location.

Sincerely,

Yury P. 7th grader at Summit Denali.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Keiri, and I'm in 7th Grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is we get to use the computers and also because we get to do PLT and also because we get a lot of help from the teachers and because we get to do a lot of activities.

Sincerely,

Keiri, 7th Grade

Dear Sunnyvale student council,

My name is Michael Starnitser and I'm in 7th grade at Summit daniel in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about daniel is that students can colabe together when one student needs help. We also have Reads and Solves. Reads is online reading and Solves is Khan academy

Sincerely
Michael, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale Council,

My name is Alyssa and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Deanli Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my new school.

What I love most about Deanli is my friend because they support and help me with work. I also love about Deanli is the teachers because they are funny and help me a lot.

Thank you for supporting summit Deanli!

Sincerely,

Alyssa, 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Toni, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is it helps me with learning how to find the answer myself. I've been doing much better in school, because I enjoy it now. This school does not ~~make~~ me stressful with giving me a ton of homework and school work.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Toni, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Jacob, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that we do all our work online. Also I like how we can get help from teachers whenever we want.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Jacob 7th grade

Dear sunnyvale City Council,
My name is Eric Tostado (AKA
Toast) and I'm in 7th Grade
at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.
I'm writing to tell you about
my school.

What I love most about
Denali is the self directed
learning and The chemistry
(not science chemistry) in our
school is strong and many
people are aware that you
are here.

Thank you for supporting
Summit Denali!

Stay Toasty,

Eric Tostado, (AKA Toast) 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,
My name is Madeline Peralta,
and I'm in 7th grade at
Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I
am writing to tell you about
my school. What I love about
Denali is that they have
really fun way to teach. Also
the teachers are really fun
to be with. Thank you for
supporting Summit Denali!!

Sincerely,
Madeline Peralta
7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Bhavika Chirumamilla and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell about my school.

What I love about Denali is how we can self-direct ourselves and not be held back by others who might need extra-help whose needs might not be apparent in a school where the teacher cannot speak to a child individually. In Denali, the individual interactions between mentor and student bridge the gap that is normally there in normal school.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,


Bhavika Chirumamilla,
7th grader
at Denali

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Daisy, and I am
in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.
I am writing to tell you about my
School.

What I love most about Denali is how
I could learn at my own pace in my own way. I also
like how I could help others and learn core characteristics
for example Respect, courage, integrity, and
Responsibility.

Thank you for supporting Summit
Denali!

Sincerely,
Daisy, 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My Name is Mikey, and I'm in
7th grade at Summit Denali in
Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell
you about my school.

What I Love most about
denali is the environment
and the people I met here.

Sincerely,

Mikey 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Manny, and I'm in 6th grade
at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am
writing to tell you about my school.

What I love about Denali is
How we can get the freedom
to have education free. I mostly
like about Denali is The love
that the Teachers give us.

Thank you for Supporting

Summit denali! ∇ ∇
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Sincerely, Manny 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Lizbeth, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my School.

What I love most about Denali is that you can go on your own pace.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Lizbeth, 6th grade

Gerry Garcia

Dear Sunnyvale city Council

My name is Gerry, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that we have the freedom to study at our own pace. I like this because it helps me learn better by allowing me to learn thoroughly without rushing my work.

Another thing I love about Denali is that Denali helps us plan our future. I like this because I don't have to worry about that later.

Thank you for supporting Denali!

Sincerely,

Gerry, 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Adrianna, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is the individual learning and the teachers.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Adrianna, 6th grade

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Joseph Gutierrez and I'm in the sixth grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is... The Subjects. My favorite is Science.

Thank you for your support

Sincerely,

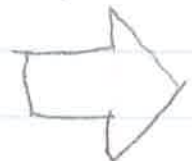
Joseph Gutierrez

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Ben, and im in 6th
at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.
I am writing to tell you about my
school.

What I love about my school is
all the teachers. The teachers are
all so nice and help with anything
your working on. They also help improving
your score on projects to help do
your best.

Another thing is the expeditions
they have. Expeditions are fun
because there a break from regular
work at the same time you still
learn because you choose what
subject you want to learn about more
for 2-8 weeks. These are really fun
because it gives you the choice
of what subject you want to learn.



Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Anika and I am in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

Why Denali is important to me is because denali has a unique style of teaching. We have the freedom to study at our own pace. We learn how to be independent, but when we need help we can get it.

Another reason denali is important to me is because of the amazing teachers. We feel like we can connect well with our teachers. The teachers at my school take everybody's opinion seriously.

Thank you for supporting
Summit Denali!

-Anika 6th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Counsel,

My name is Cleo and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am waiting to tell you about my amazing school.

One thing I love about Denali is the fact that they have expeditions. Expeditions is where you get to explore different things, where you dive deeper into interesting things such as Computer Science, Film and Video, and Community Service. Of course there are a lot more choices.

Another thing I love about Denali is the community groups. You get closer with your community peers, and do many things. The check-ins make you feel like they care not only about what's in school, but also what's going on outside school. Our mentors are like personal guides, helping you through tough times, consoling you when you feel down.

Dear, city school council,

My name is Richard and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali. I am writing to tell you about my school

what I love about Denali is that the friends. the friends support me on my project and work.

the next thing, is that the teacher. they are great for teaching and they also check in with us to make sure if we're okay.

sincerely,
Richard

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,
My name is Daisy Ding and I'm
in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale.
I am writing to tell you about my school.
What I love most about Denali is
the school is pretty small. Sometimes, I
need some help in school and my
teachers will give one-on-one support.
I also love that all the teachers at
Denali are really nice and all willing
to help.

Thank you for supporting Summit
Denali! :)

Sincerely,

Daisy Ding, 6th grade

Dear Sunnyside City Council,

My name is Maria, and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Deerati in Sunnyside. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Deerati is its unique style of teaching that allows us to study at our own pace. It allows those who need to take more time with their PIT to take more time, and those who can go quickly through it to go quickly through it.

I also love the way Deerati helps us see our future ahead of us. We talk to our teachers about it one on one, and that really helps.

Thankyou for supporting Summit Deerati !!

Sincerely,
Maria

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Victoria and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my School.

What I love about Denali is how we can be individual. I like how if I need help I can ask for it and how I can go at my own pace on the PLP. I also like how they give us choices on what to learn or study because sometimes I feel like doing Math or Science etc.

Thanks for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Victoria 6th gr.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

I love something about
is that we get to do
project. I think that some
times it's great.

I don't know any story like
friend's your name, -th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale Council,

My name is Louis and I'm in 6th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love about Denali is the amazing education system. It is unique and lets people go on their pace. The projects are also amazing, and the great teachers help us.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!!!

Sincerely,

Louis, 6th grade

April 19

Dear City Council,

My name is Davis and I like Summit penal because of how the structure of the building makes everyone closer. So that everyone is friends with everyone, and I like friends. I also like how there is this brance outside that makes a small part of the parking lot look like an oasis for a second. Thank you for your consideration,

Your buddy Champal,
Davis

4/19/16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Audrey Kiernan and I am an eighth grader. I have been attending Summit Denali for the past three years. I think that this school has a supportive community and a safe and positive environment. The concept of having a mentor and community group here at Denali helps me and other students do their best work. I find that the environment and the staff encourage values and skill such as Challenge-Seeking and teamwork that are very important to me. Expeditions (four, two week periods where students explore the arts and sciences) offers the opportunity to try new things. Overall I have greatly enjoyed the time I have spent at Summit Denali and appreciate support and positive space it has offered me to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Audrey Kiernan

4-19-16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Jason, I am currently 14 years old and I am in 8th grade. Denali is a special school that has changed my life forever. It allows me to learn new things at my own pace. I have made new friends and relationships that I will cherish for the rest of my life, I have also strengthened my skills, and has helped me become a better person.

Sincerely,
Jason

Dear City Council,

My name is Harry Cha and i'm here to talk about my experience at Summit Denali. One thing that I liked about Denali is the learning pace that we can set. You can learn at your own pace. I believe that is very important for students because no one will fall behind because the teacher moves on. I believe that this is why other students should move to denali is because of the learning cycle and community. In my honest opinion, I like it when we have a "Mentor" that we check in once in a while to talk about life and academics. This is why we should keep Summit Denali. Thank you for reading this letter.

Harry Cha

4/19/16

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Leilani Gutierrez. I am an 8th grader at summit Denali. I have gone to Denali for the past three years. Some reasons why I like denali is because I get to learn at my own pace, you know everyone, and everyone is friendly. At our school everyone knows everyone, which is nice because you get to be friends with everyone. Learning at your own pace helps you a lot because you don't have to rush or slow down for your classmates. I also like how the space is open, it makes the school look brighter. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Leilani

Dear sunnyvale city council,

My name is Jason Casillas and I love Summit! Denver has given me an opportunity to learn at a pace that makes sense for me.

Thank you,
Jason casillas

4/19/16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Cameron Hess, and I am a student at Summit Denali. I think that Summit is an amazing school for the following reasons. First of all, I love that everyone gets to learn at their own pace. Also, students can try new and more challenging lessons. Second of all, I really like that the students all get to be part of a community. As a community, we can grow, learn, and help each other out. Third of all, Students get to collaborate and help each other. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Thank you,
Cameron Hess

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

Denali has a very unique, and self directed learning style that has allowed me to reach my potential. Denali also teaches other, non-educational lessons such as how to deal with what you have.

Sincerely,
A student

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

4/19/2016

My name is Tanner Bartyczak and I am an 8th grader at Summit Denali. I have been at this school for the past 3 years. Denali has given me the opportunity to learn at my own pace and have new experiences during my time here. Thank you for supporting our school.

Sincerely,
Tanner Bartyczak
8th grader

April 19, 2016

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Andrew Lee, and I am an 8th grader at Summit Denali. As an 8th grader who attended Summit Denali since it was founded in 2013, I have grown attached to this school and particularly the current building for numerous reasons. The most important one of these reasons to me is the ability to learn at my own pace. As you may now, Summit Denali is a special school as it uses a digital webpage to help us learn at any pace. Without Summit, I may be either extremely bored or confused in a traditional classroom. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thanks,



Andrew Lee

To whom it may concern,

Summit means something to me after going there for some amount of time because I learned some things there. Please let us keep our building operational and allow us to learn stuff without being over crowded. This school is helpful because the lack of papers make this school easier to traverse. Thank you for considering my point,

Sincerely,

TV.

April 1st

Dear City Council,
Please let us keep this building because
otherwise we'll have to share a building with
kids and they're annoying.

I like dental because it has a really
different learning style. It's gr8 MB

— YOUT.
FRANK
RUS

Dear City Council,

I think we should be
able to keep our building.
We have a very close communit.
at summit. It has a unique
education system that has
allowed me to exceed
my goals. Please consider
allowing us to keep our
school.

From Anonymous
Student

~~Handwritten signature~~

10/7/16

Dear City Council,

I have like a lot of reasons why this school is great. I have been here for like since 6th grade. It has been a great experience here at denali. What I like about this school is that you go at your own pace. You can take your time if you want but me, I just try to finish my PLP. My peers here are very nice.

Sincerely,
Misael
Aguilar



Dwayne Ortiz

Dear city council,

The Denali area is very valuable to us because we have been here for 3 years and it would break our hearts to see it go, we would have to see the parking lot go and the air duct ceilings, and the constant struggle for head phones and pencils. The school will have nowhere to put their extra bodies. So please let us keep our building, keep Denali alive!

4-19-16

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

These are the reasons I like Denali:

#1 The social environment has helped me to be more confident.

#2 The education system allows me to work at my own pace.

#3 The close quarters mean we have a close community.

Please let us keep our building.

- Daniela

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Edgar and I am a 7th grader in Summit Denali. I am writing because we need approval for another school. You should approve it because people learn at their own pace. People can take as many test if they don't pass. They have mentors so they can be a better student and as a person.

Sincerely,
Edgar

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

My name is A.J. and I'm in 7th grade in Summit Derali in Sunnyvale. What I love most about Summit Derali is the way we learn by using our Chromebook and Personal Learning.

Thank you for supporting Summit Derali.

Sincerely,

A.J., 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is James, and on the behalf of the 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale, I am writing to you about matters concerning my school.

I would like to say that my school is great and should be allowed to move to the new campus because of several reasons. One of the biggest reasons that I think we should be allowed to migrate is because of our personalized Learning Plan. Our Personalized Learning Plan helps students learn at their own pace and lets faster students learn more and slower students learn less.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

James, 7th grade

Dear, Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Allen, and I'm in 7th grade Summit Denali in sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like most at denail is being able to do your work at your pace.

Thank you for supporting summit denali.

Dear Sunnyville City Council,
My name is Molly. I'm in 7th grade.

When it came time for me to start to think about Middle School, my mom took me to all the schools in the area. Even some that weren't in the area. None of them felt right. Until I visited Denali. One of the things I worried about, getting lost in a school that was too big, Denali was small. I would fit right in. I worried about not having any friends, Community groups fixed that. As soon as I stopped being shy, I was making friends left and right! I was worried the teachers wouldn't understand me, or I wouldn't understand them, the teachers made an effort to know me, they talked to me during break and lunch, when something was wrong, they noticed and asked me if I was doing okay. I was worried that I wouldn't understand the lessons, that I wasn't smart enough, they taught me otherwise. Not only did I understand the lessons, but I really felt like I learned from them! For the first time, I really understood what I was being taught! Now I'm nearing the end of my second year at Denali. I have fallen in love with Denali more and more every day. Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely, Molly Freeman

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Sarah, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I loved most about Denali is community time. Community time is where a group of people come together and bond.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Sarah, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Zella, and i'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale i'm writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is Community Group time. Sometimes we play hide and seek, other times "The Chair Game", but sometimes we play whatever people suggest. Another thing is that if you don't pass a test, you have a chance to take it again until you do pass.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali

Sincerely,

Zella, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Jerry, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing (with horrible handwriting) to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is the lunch and the fact that we are allowed to go ahead. In my old school, we HAD to stay at a certain level, and that frustrated me, because I was usually ahead.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!
(and for excusing my handwriting :))

Sincerely,
Jerry, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Nathalie, and I am a
7th grader at Summit Derrali in Sunnyvale.

I am writing to tell you what I like about
Summit Derrali, I like that there is PLT.
Thank you for supporting us.

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Bryan, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that there is not a lot of kids so you learn better. We have the PLP to help us learn. The teachers are super helpful and they are there when you need help. I love community group because you feel like they are family. Everyone gets along with everyone.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Bryan, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,
My name is Caitlyn, and I'm in 7th
grade at Summit Denali in Sun-
nyvale and I am writing to tell
you about my school.

I love that Denali has technology
to use.

Thank You for supporting
Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

~~My~~ Caitlyn, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Kaitlyn and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I'm writing to tell you about my school. One thing about Denali, is the education. It's a great exercise to learn at your own pace and students can redo a test without having to worry about it. The last thing, is the computers. We don't have to waste paper and money on textbooks. Computers let you access to any resources you need.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn, 7th grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Bella, and I'm in 7th Grade at Summit. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love the most about Denali is the Staff Learning and hands on learning.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Bella, 7th Grade

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Madison, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about Summit.

What I love most about Denali is community group time because our community group gets to bond with games & we also get to learn more about each other.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Madison, 7th grade.

Dear Sunnyvale
City
Council

Dear Sunnyvale City Council, (I suck)

My name is Ethan and I'm writing this letter in support of Summit Dental. I am a student of this school in Sunnyvale, and I am in 7th grade.

I heard our school has gotten the second building, but you guys are hesitant to approve it. There are so many reasons to let us keep this building, however, and that is that a bigger school means more space to do certain activities. It also means that the current school won't be as cramped.

Thank you for supporting Dental!

Sincerely,

Ethan Chung

May I can write certificate for (105)

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Nicole and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is how we can learn at our own pace. We can have our own goals. I also love our expeditions. I like exploring my passions and learning new things at the same time.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,
Nicole, 7th grade

Dear Sunngvale City Council

My name is Tommy Yu and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunngvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is all of the different friends I have made, the Chromebooks & technology, and the friendly teachers.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali!

Sincerely,

Tommy, 7th grade
Tommy

Dear Sunnyvale city council,

My name is Erick, and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to tell you about my school.

What I like most about my school is that when we have community group we play this chair game that is really fun.

Sincerely, Erick

Dear Sunnyvale City Council

My name is Jina and I'm in 7th grade at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. I am writing to you to tell you about my school.

What I love most about Denali is that....

- We have Personalized Learning so we can learn at our own pace.
- We have technology so we can learn online and learn in a more fun way.
- We have collaboration so that we can help each other learn.

Thank you for supporting Summit Denali.

Sincerely,

Jina, 7th Grade.



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 Sunnyvale City Council,

My name is Cameron and I am an eighth grade student at Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. 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 <aminers@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

Administrative Aide

CDD/Planning

City of Sunnyvale

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cpfeffer@sunnyvale.ca.gov

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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

To: PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Planning Commission

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Or email: PlanningCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov

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.**

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

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.

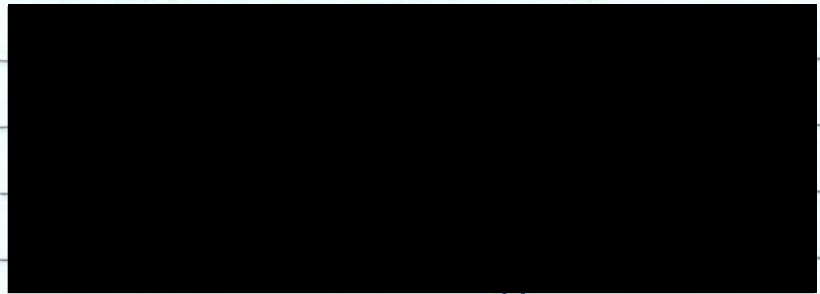
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For me, this is an essential part of my children's upbringing: the ability to effectively interact with all members of society that they will work and live with eventually.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Florence BeGole



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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

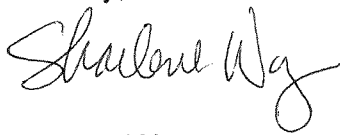
ahead” in her curriculum work for the next year so that she would have the opportunity to work on more projects like this the next year.

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 above the printed name.

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 horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Hammer
CEO

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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