



Village of Woodridge

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Julia Kennedy Beckman, President
Community High School District 99
6301 Springside Avenue
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Dear Ms. Beckman:

I was delighted to hear from you today as it is your first communication to me in nearly a year. Given your belief, which I share, that the future of the District 99 site in Woodridge is a "major community issue", I would invite you, once again, to sit down and negotiate with the Village for the sale of the property.

I was made aware yesterday, through a third party, that there was a recent confrontation with a District 99 Board member. The Village strongly believes in civility and supports such conduct in public interactions. I immediately had my staff communicate with the leadership of the community group to make them aware of the situation. The leadership instructed their supporters that efforts should, at all times, remain civil, respectful, and professional.

The Village also strongly believes in providing opportunities for dialogue. We do not believe in shutting citizens out. We believe that there is an obligation to respond to questions and requests for information. From the materials and comments I have heard from District 99 community members, they want to talk to you, the District 99 Board, and to the Administration. I appreciate your correspondence to me, but truly you would be better served to direct it to the parties who are begging to hear from you.

You have outlined steps for good citizenship, I would ask that you reflect on the steps for good representation – including responding to your citizens.

Sincerely,

William F. Murphy
Mayor