

May 19, 2020

Dear Mr. Kovalchik,

As a parent of former students in the Guilderland School District, I wanted to share my thoughts on the proposal to build a Costco near Crossgates. First, I have done some research and it should be noted that this project, once completed, will pump more than \$400,000 of new tax dollars into the school district each year. Just as importantly, this project will not be putting any additional students into our district.

As a Guilderland resident and a member of the business community, I understand the need to strike a balance between growth and the impact on our local infrastructure. In this case, the Costco will certainly create economic opportunities for families and local business. It will also supply additional tax dollars to the school district and the town.

The question we should ask is this: Will these opportunities be outweighed by negative, or potentially negative, impacts on our town or its infrastructure? I can only speak for myself, but after spending time looking at the plan, I believe that the impact will be minor, while the opportunities will be immeasurably positive.

This is a well thought out plan that will provide lasting positive benefits for our town and tax base.

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Todd Slingerland

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