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Paul P. Antolin, City Clerk
Grosse Pointe Woods City Council
20025 Mack Plaza Drive
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Re: Strong Objection to Proposed Traffic Control Order for Wedgewood Drive Access at Grosse Pointe North High School (Public Hearing July 13, 2026)

Dear Mayor, City Council Members, and City Clerk:

We are writing to formally object to the Grosse Pointe Public School System's request for a Traffic Control Order to open the Wedgewood Drive stub street into Grosse Pointe North High School. This proposal includes limited vehicular access for buses carrying students with disabilities and the installation of an electric gate, along with extending the sidewalk and adding a pedestrian gate. As residents of the affected area, we are unable to attend the July 13, 2026 public hearing due to a pre-planned vacation, but we respectfully request that this letter be read into the record and fully considered.

For at least 34 years, Grosse Pointe North High School has successfully operated without vehicular access via Wedgewood Drive. The current system using the parallel four-lane boulevard (approximately 200 feet away) has proven adequate for disabled student transportation. Reopening this residential street is unnecessary and would impose significant burdens on our quiet neighborhood.

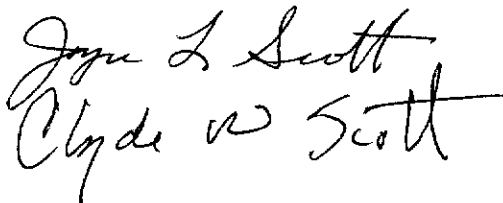
Our primary objections are as follows:

- 1. Adverse Traffic and Congestion Impacts: Wedgewood Drive is a narrow residential street. Even limited bus traffic during school hours would create bottlenecks. Our area already experiences difficulty with access and spillover parking from the school. Adding buses would worsen daily congestion.
- 2. Safety Risks: Increased bus and pedestrian traffic raises concerns for residents, children, and drivers. The pedestrian gate could encourage additional activity. The boulevard offers a safer route.
- 3. Erosion of Residential Character: This change would alter the peaceful nature of our neighborhood and set a troubling precedent.
- 4. Enforcement and Liability: Questions remain about gate reliability, maintenance costs, and enforcement.
- 5. Lack of Justification: The school has not shown why current access is insufficient. Alternatives should be fully explored first.

We support accessible transportation for students but urge the City Council to deny this request and require the school to use the existing boulevard access. Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Clyde and Joyce Scott

Handwritten signatures of Joyce L. Scott and Clyde W. Scott in black ink.