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Board of Aldermen
Jackson
101 Court Street
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Dear Jackson Board of Aldermen,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to respectfully request that the Board of Aldermen consider allowing the Jackson R2 School District to take over the section of W. Madison Street adjacent to Jackson Sr High School and the football stadium. This request stems from a growing concern for the safety of our students, staff, and visitors, as well as our ongoing efforts to enhance the overall campus environment.

The section of W. Madison Street in question currently runs directly next to our high school campus and the football stadium, an area that is often frequented by students, parents, and spectators during school events. Particularly on game days, the current infrastructure poses significant safety risks.

By assuming responsibility for this portion of the street, our school district would be able to make necessary improvements that directly benefit both our school community and the surrounding neighborhood. Specifically, we plan to:

1. **Enhance safety** by creating a concourse around the south side of the stadium where our weapons detectors might be utilized.
2. **Improve lighting** around the stadium on the south side.
3. **Expand the high school campus** with student-friendly areas that contribute to a safer and more inviting environment.



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4. **Ensure ongoing maintenance and improvements** tailored specifically to the needs of our school community.

We understand that this request may raise some concerns, and we are committed to working closely with the Board of Aldermen, city officials, and the local community to address any potential challenges. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff and patrons while improving the overall high school experience.

We would be grateful for your consideration of this request, and we are more than willing to meet with the Board to discuss this proposal in greater detail. Thank you for your time and your dedication to the continued growth and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keenan Kinder

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