

Hello BOE members and Ms. Leyko:

We are writing today on behalf of the Marble Equity Team in regards to Marble's placement in the 2020-2021 school year.

Our team members are advocating for Marble's population to be placed at Donley for a number of reasons:

1. Proximity to home

a. For our students that are currently bussed, being sent across town to Red Cedar would increase bus time and time lost at home.

b. For our parents and caregivers without cars, access to education (volunteering, dropping off a forgotten lunch, picking up a sick child, attending a school function) is easier at Donley.

2. Potential overcrowding at Red Cedar. We have a large student population (I believe we're at about 370 students) and Donley could accommodate our students better.

3. For our large population of walkers/bikers, proximity to Donley could allow many of them to continue if they choose.

Additionally, we understand traffic concerns with having two student populations on one site, so we are in communication with East Lansing Safe Routes To School coordinators to potentially come up with a walking school bus plan as well.

We understand sacrifices must be made for the betterment of our district and community and as the last school to be rebuilt, we hope that our lost time in a new school can be made up in an effort to make the transitional school year the easiest it can for our population.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. We appreciate your service!

Sincerely, Marble Equity Team members:

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