

Date: April 30, 2025

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Gresham-Barlow School District
Citizens Comments to the Board

Name: James Southwick Phone: _____

District Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Group / Organization: Friends of Kelly Creek LLC

Topic: Proposed sale of Salquist Property

- Please submit this form with your written public comment to the board secretary, Sarah Avery, at avery4@gresham.k12.or.us by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- The Board Chair, may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study.
- Written comments may offer criticism of school operations and programs; however, the board will not review personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. If there is a legitimate complaint involving individuals, the chair will direct them to the appropriate means for board consideration and disposition.
- Please make sure to include your name for the record, whether you are a resident of the district, and the name of the group or organization you are representing, if applicable.
- Questions asked by the public will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.
- The board's regular business meetings are digitally recorded. They are also televised by MetroEast Community Media (www.metroeast.org) and Willamette Falls Media Center (www.wfmcstudios.org).

The board sincerely appreciates your interest in the Gresham-Barlow School District and thanks you for attending this meeting. ■

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The Board is elected to ensure oversight for our kids future education and make sure the district is operating within policy and foresight. The Salquist property is the last property in this end of the city for a future school or school use. To my knowledge there hasn't been a study to validate surplus the property, and growth in this end of Gresham continues. My sales partner and I sold all the lots in Spence Acres and many of the homes when built. I live on one of the lots. Look around and you'll see single family homes and development already built and being built on Chase Road, 282nd with lots of kids coming into the pipeline in the future. A two story building can be built for the future education as the times would dictate. It's short-sighted to surplus this property.

Kelly Creek Grade School is on a small parcel of property. Don't lose sight of future needs. When is the last time a study has even been made of future needs and use? Looks like approximately 700+ kids would be added into the school system within the next year with the current homes built and 272 condos on Chase Road, and the 4plex condos at corner of 282nd and SE Powell Valley Road. I urge you to not declare the property surplus.

Please check the box below and include a phone number if you would like to have someone contact you regarding the topic described above.

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I would like to have someone contact me regarding my questions/ concerns at:

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Home

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Work

The best time to reach me:

evenings