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City of Saginaw
Attn: Gabe Reaume, City Manger
333 West McLeroy Blvd
Saginaw, Texas 76179

Mr. Reaume,

I was asked by a community member about the capacity of Willow Creek Elementary School. The information was related to the current zoning case. I wanted to share the information with you. Please see the information I provided below.

- Current enrollment is 585 with a capacity of 727.
- The existing MF1 is within growth projections for the future schools.
- The current growth model does not include the requested zoning change from neighborhood commercial to multifamily.
- We have routinely opposed or discouraged zoning changes from commercial to multifamily. As you understand from the city perspective, it is important that we have a balance between commercial and residential property. These changes can have a negative effect on overall taxable assessed values.
- There is the potential for two Pre-K classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The bottom line is that, under the existing growth model, Willow Creek ES will reach 95% capacity in 2025. If the two Pre-K classes are needed, then the capacity will could be reached in 2023.

Please reach out if you have any additional questions or if I can provide further clarification regarding the ability of Willow Creek ES to support additional enrollment growth as a result of the proposed zoning change.

Sincerely,

Clete Welch
Chief Operations Officer
Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD