

Dear Superintendent Berry and SAU39 Administration,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the proposed 39-home residential development on Christian Hill Road, near our school zones in Amherst. As parents and residents, we believe this project poses significant risks to our schools, student safety, and traffic congestion around Clark and Wilkins schools.

Impact on Our Schools

Our schools are already facing capacity challenges, and the addition of nearly 40 new households could further strain resources. Increased enrollment may lead to overcrowded classrooms, reduced access to individualized instruction, and added pressure on support services. These changes could compromise the quality of education—one of the main reasons families choose to live in Amherst.

Student Safety Risks

The proposed development is in close proximity to school grounds, where children walk, bike, and are dropped off daily. A surge in traffic from new residents and construction vehicles—especially over a proposed seven-year build period—raises serious concerns about pedestrian safety and the potential for accidents. Our children's safety must remain a top priority.

Traffic and Infrastructure Concerns

Current traffic patterns around our schools are already congested during drop-off and pick-up times. Adding dozens of new vehicles could exacerbate delays, increase pollution, and create logistical challenges for school buses and emergency vehicles. The infrastructure in place is not designed to support this level of growth. The intersection of Boston Post Road and Foundry Street already requires a paid crossing guard due to significant traffic during school hours. The proposed development and years of construction traffic through that intersection would be overwhelming and pose a serious safety risk.

We respectfully urge SAU39 to take a strong stance in opposition to this proposed development and to advocate for a comprehensive impact study. The scale and location of this project present clear risks to our schools, student safety, and traffic infrastructure. It is essential that our school leadership engage with town officials and developers to ensure these concerns are addressed.

We also encourage families, educators, and community members to attend the Town Planning Board meeting on **September 3** to make their voices heard and stand together in protecting the integrity and safety of our school environment.

Thank you for your time and continued dedication to our schools and families.

Warm regards,

Concerned Parents and Residents of Amherst

(Please see following pages for names)

Henry & Melissa Maddocks

9 Bloody Brook Rd

Steve & Lisa LaPierre

33 Bloody Brook Rd

Derek & Kristen Phelps

20 Bloody Brook Rd

Bill & Colleen Sweeney

28 Bloody Brook Rd

Matthew & Julie Benedict

18 Bloody Brook Rd

Todd & Diane Neumann

21 Deer Hollow Dr

Mike & Wendy Corrigan

35 Christian Hill Rd

Mike & Caitlin Farnham

31 Bloody Brook Rd

Frank & Lisa Montesanto

55 Christian Hill Rd

Scott & Krystal Nelson

10 Bloody Brook Rd

Eric & Roberta Doucette

24 Bloody Brook Rd

Tom & Jen Hermann

2 Brimstone Hill Rd

Michael & Jen Wilbur

36 Bloody Brook Rd

Joseph & Tracy Broderick

32 Christian Hill Rd

David & Sonja Kraus

41 Christian Hill Rd

Ken & Rachel Avery

12 Bloody Brook Rd

Brant & Courtney Mullens

4 Bloody Brook Rd

Jared & Kassandra Crockett

3 Bloody Brook Rd

Alex & MaryJane Resca

30 Bloody Brook Rd

Danny & Kim Casey

30 Green Rd

James & Susanna Hargreaves

29 Green Rd

Nathan & Alicia Provencher

31 Green Rd

John & Anita Swanson

52 Christian Hill Rd

Lindsay Harrison

23 Simeon Wilson

Doug & Martha Chabinsky

89 Boston Post Rd

Jarod & Nicolasa Moreau

2 Cub Circle 24

Tim & Nicole Manning

6 Christian Hill Rd

Roger & Sally Hooper

10 Foundry St

Chris & Elizabeth Czech

38 Christian Hill Rd

Bob & Chris Brewster

32 Bloody Brook Rd

Alan & Jennifer Way

25 Bloody Brook Rd

Josh & Krisin Hardwick

16 Eaton Rd

Konstantina Bode

9 Colonel Wilkins Rd

Samantha Wolf

16 Cricket Hill Dr

Michael Maka & Karen White

66 Merrimack Rd

Emily LaVoy

6 Foundry St

Chrissy DeVries

3 Gatchel Way

Beccy Fortier

11 Fairway Dr

Stephen & Lani Karney

38 Bloody Brook Rd

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21 Bloody Brook Rd

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