

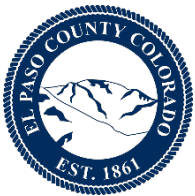
## Kylie Bagley

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**From:** Meggan Herington  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 8:19 AM  
**To:** Stacey Ferguson  
**Cc:** Kylie Bagley  
**Subject:** RE: Monument East Ridge

Thank you for the email, Stacey. We send all development applications to the school district and rely on them to tell us the needs. Staff will be sure to address this as part of the review process and add your comments to the record.

Meggan



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Hello Ms. Herington,

I am writing about my concerns regarding the continuous building in Monument, specifically the Monument East Ridge. There are so many concerns from lack of infrastructure to support the builds, elimination of green space and the animals, to the impact this development has on education. I am just going to focus on education since that is my scope of practice.

I live in Monument, I have children that currently attend D38, and I have also previously taught in D38. Currently, I teach in Douglas County due the numerous concerns I have about D38 schools. First and foremost is the over population of the classrooms. Each year teachers were asked to do more with less. I know this is the current state of education. However specific to Monument, each year the district loses more teachers and is not able to fill those positions. A MLO has not be passed in years- please note although there is a concern about compensation, there is a bigger concern about not having the funds for resources like curriculums.

I know at the meeting last evening, the rep stated that the school board approved this plan. However, if you talk to the school board about this they will tell you they have never been presented with a plan to date about this development.

Our middle school is currently at the largest capacity of all time which has significant implications on education. Education as a whole is deteriorating in this country and research proves that large class size is a factor in this deterioration.

I also know that contractors typically either give land to the school district or money to off set the increasing student population. Typically the land is not suitable to be built on so that does not assist the school district. As for the monetary contribution, historically this does not even cover the salary of one teacher. Again demonstrating that the contractor contributions do not benefit or offset the current challenges that D38 already faces not to mention the additional challenges that this development will pose.

Thank you for your time and considering my concerns regarding education.

Stacey Ferguson

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*Speech Language Pathologist*

*Douglas County High School 'GO HUSKIES'*

*"The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said." Peter Drucker*