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Good morning,

I am reaching out today due to my concern and opposition of the proposed Boces location. It has been communicated publicly that this new campus would be in the middle of nowhere, this however is incorrect. This proposed location is at the edge of Old West Ranch Subdivision. Old West Ranch consists of 77 Ranchettes consisting of 35+ acre lots with million dollar homes. Families moved out to Old West Ranch to create a safe and peaceful home away from the city and we are very protective of our quiet community and the agriculture land surrounding us.

I will agree that Boces has a great mission to educate children and youth have have a lot of difficulty finding a regular school placement but there lies my concern. Many of the children who attend Boces have been assessed to be unsafe in a regular public school. They are children with significant physical/social/emotional needs and often struggle with regulation - leading to a lot of crisis management. Outside of saying that the school is in the middle of nowhere, safety has not been addressed for the community. There are concerns of elopement, drug use, criminal activity, even smoking and fire setting are a big concern due to rapid spreading grass fires. This campus will put an extra load on our emergency services to include the Sheriffs, ambulances and mobile crisis.

While one of my primary concerns is safety, there are also concerns of water and whether or not there is enough water to sustain such a large project. It is very unclear how a community water feature is in anyone's best interest. It should also be said, Boces will bring an increase in noise and traffic in an otherwise quiet community and who will be responsible managing that?

Thank you for your understanding,

Laura Moody