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I oppose this, as it is unfair and inflexible to varying circumstances and limitations. Lewis and Clark elementary is forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD. We did not choose this. It would be ideal for us to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms our choices are limited. The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary. It would not create any additional challenges or use any extra district resources.

My child has special needs that cannot be met in a traditional public school. This school meets his needs. This school is our family. Dispersing these children to their various public schools impacts their relationships with school adults, impacts their friendships at a very vulnerable age and causes abrupt change that can be traumatizing. Please consider the needs of the children and not solely the structure/needs of the district or surrounding entities.

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