

# *W. Charles Akins High School*

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Date: December 18, 2019

Re: Messinger tract rezoning - C14-2019-0109

Dear Council,

It has come to our attention that an IDEA Public School is being considered as part of the Messinger tract rezoning. We, the **Akins Parent, Teacher, Student Association**, **are opposed to the charter school and ask that it is removed from the application.**

If approved, the K-12 charter school would be located approximately 890 feet from Paredes Middle School, 2,600 feet from Casey Elementary, 1.4 miles from Kocurek Elementary, and 2.7 miles from Akins High School. Casey, Kocurek, and Paredes are all currently under capacity and can accept additional students. As we are all painfully aware, AISD recently closed four schools due to low enrollment. The IDEA school will compete with the surrounding public schools for both students and funding.

We are also concerned about student and parent safety. Slaughter Lane between Bilbrook Place and Texas Oaks Drive already receives considerable traffic at critical times of the day from Casey and Paredes. The proposed 1,600-student charter school would cause further congestion, increase frustration, and reduce safety.

Please support our existing public schools and vote no against this charter.

Sincerely,

Brooke Maudlin

W. Charles Akins High School PTSA President





## Casey Elementary PTA

Casey Elementary PTA  
Dwayne Hidalgo  
9400 Texas Oaks Drive

January 8, 2020

Re: Messinger tract rezoning - C14-2019-0109

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Please support our existing public schools and vote no against this charter.

Sincerely,

Dwayne Hidalgo

Casey Elementary PTA President



PAREDES  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
AUSTIN Independent School District

# Paredes Middle School

*Paredes PRIDE See it Believe it Achieve it...Enough Said*

Paredes Middle School PTA  
10100 S. Mary Moore Searight Dr.  
Austin, TX 78748

January 6, 2019

Re: Messinger Tract Rezoning - C14-2019-0109

Dear Council:

It has come to our attention that an IDEA Public School is being considered as part of the Messinger tract rezoning. We are opposed to the charter school and ask that it is removed from the application.

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As we are all painfully aware, AISD recently closed four schools due to low enrollment. The IDEA school will compete with the surrounding public schools for both students and funding, without bringing anything to the table. The drive to take over the Austin ISD by privatizers is based on the unproven notion that education will improve if it is run like a private business. IDEA will only be a hinderance to AISD's work toward bettering the education for Austin children.

We are also concerned about student and parent safety. Slaughter Lane between Bilbrook Place and Texas Oaks Drive already receives considerable traffic at critical times of the day from Casey and Paredes. The proposed 1,600-student charter school would cause further congestion, increase frustration, and reduce safety.

Please support our existing public schools and vote no against this charter.

Sincerely,

Shenise Ramdeen, President  
Paredes Middle School PTA