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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Haymarket DuPage

Dear Bridget:

Thank you for your recent outreach regarding Itasca School District No. 10's concerns related to Haymarket DuPage. This responds to your November 20, 2020 letter on behalf of my client, Itasca School District No. 10. Let me start by acknowledging the mission of Haymarket. The School District appreciates the mission of aiding people with substance use disorders and Haymarket's work in the field of additions and behavioral health treatment. I am certain from our discussions that Haymarket likewise appreciates the School District's mission of offering academic excellence and cultivating individual strengths and talents in a safe, supportive, collaborative environment where individual differences and respect for the rights of others guide school and community behavior.

The School District appreciates Haymarket's recent acceptance of the issues that it has raised regarding responsibilities to those who may establish residency at Haymarket and to homeless individuals in the School District's jurisdiction. As you indicate in your letter, the School District sought to engage regarding these issues in 2019 and did not obtain substantive responses directly to its concerns. The response came in form of Haymarket changing its application to remove the mothers with children program.

It is our understanding from your repeated statements and your letter that Haymarket would like to offer the program but has made this change as in response to the District's concerns. It is also our understanding that Haymarket does not believe that the School District's concerns regarding obligations to the families of those Haymarket clients who establish residency or are homeless while at Haymarket DuPage present likely realities that will come to fruition.

In addition, your letter indicates that Haymarket has represented it is "not easy" to change programs once the Haymarket DuPage facility is in operation. We did not have the same understanding of the call and information regarding licensing as a barrier to a program change.

Given the point in the process, the School District believes that the most appropriate next step is to present information regarding the impact of Haymarket's proposal to the Planning Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer A. Smith

JAS:cp

cc: Mary Dickson
Superintendent Craig Benes