

Hello Chairman Justice and Board of County Commissioners

My name is Mark Birenbaum

Belleair Road, South Haven Dr and Nursery Road are dangerous county roads. These three roads are county maintained. You heard about the recent death of Ethan Weiser a young 15-year-old boy killed on Belleair Road.

Could this problem have been anticipated before changing the school bus pick up and drop off for School year 2022-23? **Yes.** Belleair Road is heavily traffic road due to changes when the US19 eliminated the left turn at Nursery Road. To reach Nursery Road drivers must turn onto Belleair Road, from US 19 or make a Right turn from US 19 Frontage Road, then make a sharp right turn on South Haven Dr. The county added 4 speed bumps on South Haven Dr. with posted 15 mph rather than 25 mph.

My concern is about Nursery Road, between US 19 at Frontage Road and Belcher a 1-mile stretch. This section has site plan proposal for Charter School, at 2465 Nursery Road for 816 Students, The developer **must obtain permit** from the County for Right of Way by adding two new roads to existing substandard Nursery Road. Why? Nursery Road is the wrong location for a charter school. Traffic cannot handle 1300 vehicle during peak school hours.

FDOT, County and City Engineering reviewed the 2nd Traffic Impact Study late April. Missing traffic counts reflects an increase of higher traffic than the study reflected. Facts were clearly omitted for the 816 students that are to be driven to the school. South Haven Dr was not included in the TIS and will see 25% more traffic going to the school on this road. Two left turns must be made on Nursery Road a **(NO NO)** from FDOT. Existing tables by Mead and Hunt the developer of the study somehow omitted these traffic count facts maybe for a favorable reason.

I request that the **County review and deny the** permit to the developer based on misleading information based on the lower traffic count from the study. Further investigation is needed for Nursery Road. The anticipated traffic count is a heavy burden on the 1500 residents that use Nursery Road daily.

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