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To: Chris Anderson, City Planner at Ramsey

From: PACT Charter School

MEMO: PACT CHARTER SCHOOL – PROJECT NARRATIVE – SKETCH PLAN

PROJECT NARRATIVE

PACT Charter Schools (PACT) is a K-12 public charter school that opened in August 1994 in Anoka, MN. PACT moved its location to Ramsey in 2004. PACT holds a rich history of being the eighth charter school to be established in the state of Minnesota. It is currently in its twenty-seventh year of operation in the school year of 2020-2021 and serves 670 students in grades K through 12. Enrollment has been unable to expand for the last number of years due to the current facility's building constraints. PACT has an extensive waitlist which is driving the need for a building expansion.

PACT Charter Schools proposes to acquire approximately 18 acres located at 7633 161st Ave NW, Ramsey, MN 55303 to construct a new schoolhouse approximately 115,000 square feet. This new facility will be designed to accommodate grades six through twelve. The schools existing campus will then be home to kindergarten through fifth grades. Minor interior renovations are being planned at their existing building to better accommodate these lower grade levels.

Student enrollment at the new facility is planned to reach 734 students over a 5-year period with approximately 517 students grades sixth through twelfth anticipated in its first year of operation in the Fall of 2023 at the new schoolhouse facility. PACT Charter School anticipates most of its student population will use **Bus** drop-off and pick-up, **Parent** drop-off and pick-up and **Student** drivers. PACT anticipates 65% (478 students) of the students will utilize approximately 12 traditional, yellow, full-size or short-size buses for school transit at this time. PACT anticipates 20% (147 students) will be parent drop off and pick up and the remaining 15% (111 students) will be student drivers. PACT anticipates these estimates to be conservative provided there are extracurricular activities occurring after standard school hours which decrease peak demand periods during standard school hours.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

PACT operations will include a 9-month academic calendar from August to May with standard school hours of operations between 7:30AM to 4:00PM. Student drop-off & pick-up periods will be between the hours of 7:30AM to 8:00AM and 3:05PM to 3:35PM, respectively. The first 15-minutes of each morning and afternoon period is the peak demand window and it is anticipated to be similar for the new facility.

SITE CIRCULATION

The proposed site plan has been designed to segregate **Bus/Student** and **Parent** “transactions” in through 161st Ave entrance and Variolite Street respectively.

Buses would utilize the southernmost, proposed surface parking lot via east and west curb cuts along 161st Avenue.

Parent pick-up and drop-off will utilize easternmost, proposed curb cut along Variolite Street. Vehicles would utilize this curb cut for both ingress and egress.

Student drivers will utilize the westernmost, proposed curb cut along 161st Avenue for both ingress and egress.