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Please DENY the application for permission for a Waste Treatment Facility at Liberty Classical Academy in Hugo, MN. Why should the groundwater of May Township, Grant, and Hugo rural residents be endangered in order to process the waste from the school as well as the runoff pollution from their vehicles, such as oil and salt from their parking lots? Because LCA is located in Hugo, and because the City of Hugo approved its expansion, has the PCA considered that it is Hugo's responsibility to run city water and sewer to this school?

The City of Stillwater ran water and sewer to locations outside its city limits when facilities were approved, such as Rutherford School in the Stillwater School District. The City of Stillwater also was able to run water and sewer out to the Washington County Public Works facility located at 11660 Myeron Rd., N., while the surrounding rural residences have wells and septic systems.

A campus of this size simply simply cannot be on a well and septic system. Their water consumption would lower and possibly dry up our lakes, ponds, and wells and the danger of sewage leakage is too great. Will this school be responsible to pay for digging new wells for the surrounding residents of May Township, Grant, and Hugo, if our wells run dry and our water is tainted with a pollution leakage?

Unfortunately, even if the City of Hugo is able to extend city water and sewer to LCA, the added traffic to our rural area, which does not have the infrastructure to support it, is also a pollution threat to our communities. Even now, when LCA is only an elementary school, a police officer is needed for traffic management. With an expansion of their school, how much delay and additional hazards will more vehicle traffic bring to the surrounding rural communities of May Township, Grant, and Hugo, with many inexperienced young drivers unused to rural roads? Another considerable concern is the ability of emergency vehicles to reach our residents with the concentration of so much traffic, in the morning and at school dismissal and school events.

Please hold a public meeting so that our residents of rural May Township, Grant, and Hugo can make our opposition to the expansion of this school and its Waste Treatment Facility publicly known.

Thank you.