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Dear Bel-Air Beverly Crest Council Board Members,

Thank you for your service to our communities. We greatly appreciate it. We have grave concerns about the plan to increase the enrollment of Milken Community School by 400 students to a total of 900. We have attached a statement of our reasons to this email. We have long time ties to Milken Community Schools and warmly welcome them into our neighborhood, but not at the expense of the safety of our community and all the surrounding communities. Please read our statement.

Thank You,

Jeff and Linda Resnick

 **Enrollment increase: Milken.pdf**

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We are writing to formally protest the proposed addition of 400 more students to the Milken Community School's East High School campus, located at 15600 Mulholland, raising the number to 900. The school is situated in an extreme high fire hazard severity zone. The school is in a residential neighborhood that is served by only one two-lane road providing access into the area, and one two-lane road providing access out, which leads to another two lane road (Mulholland), which is often congested. These roads are not exclusive to the school; they are the *only* evacuation routes for multiple surrounding communities and facilities, including Bel Air Crest, Mountaingate, Wise Temple, Casiano Bel Air Park Estates and several schools located on the Mulholland corridor.

In the event of a wildfire or other emergency requiring evacuation, these limited roadways are already insufficient to safely and efficiently move the current population out of the area. Adding 400 additional students—along with the accompanying increase in staff, parents, buses, and service vehicles—would significantly exacerbate congestion and create an extremely dangerous situation during an emergency evacuation. The risk to students, residents, and first responders would be unacceptably high.

It is important to note that the current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) appropriately caps enrollment at 500 students on campus at one time, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This cap reflects a recognition of the area's severe access limitations and fire risk. Allowing a new CUP that increases enrollment with 400 additional more students along with the additional staff, service, and vehicles, would directly disregard the safety constraints that are in place with the current CUP. Given the well-documented wildfire risks in this region, the lack of alternative ingress and egress routes, and the shared reliance of multiple neighborhoods and institutions on these same roads, approving an enrollment increase would be irresponsible and potentially catastrophic.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to deny any modification to the existing CUP that would allow this large increase in student enrollment. Public safety—particularly in a high fire risk zone with limited evacuation capacity—must remain the highest priority. In addition, it is well known that Milken bought the property so the school could build an athletic center with a football field. They have stated that they plan on building this football field where the dormitories are currently located. A football field and the additional traffic that it will create, further increases the danger in any emergency with the need to evacuate.

Milken said they are exempt from conducting an Environmental Impact Study. A thorough Environmental Impact study needs to be done, from an **independent** agency, before any increase in enrollment is even considered. This change in the CUP will have a negative impact, not only on Casiano Estates but the many residential neighborhoods along the Mulholland corridor. Thank you for your consideration of this serious matter.

Linda and Jeffrey Resnick