

TO: San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

RE: Public comment on Proposed Rocketship #8 on the Tamien site

Dear Mayor Reed,

I think Washington is a good school because my oldest child needed quite a bit of help and her teacher was able to assist her greatly last year. She achieved a high score than when she started the year. There are a lot of programs at Washington Elementary for the students and parents. I have two kids in Washington; they really like it here. I used to have them in Rocketship, and it was too much for them. I am not saying that it is not a good school for some kids but it is not for others because they give too much homework and pressure for my oldest daughter. She used to cry because she would stay after school in order to get help to catch up with reading. After which she would return home and still have homework assigned from the teacher each day. I asked about why Rocketship has so much more required in terms of homework than Washington. Many told me that it was because Washington was not a good school, but I could not keep my children at Rocketship because it was too much pressure for my kids.

My girls like it here because they go at their pace. I have my oldest in their Coral program after school. She liked it because it helps her to finish her homework at school. They also teach her through other programs they offer at Washington. I think it is fine to open more Rocketship Schools, but not around this area. They could open a middle school in our community.

Sincerely,

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