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Mr. Reed and city council,

Hello my name is Martha Ramirez I am the mother of a kindergarden student at Washington Elementary. This is my first year at Washington and in this neighborhood. And I would like to let you know of my experience the day I walked into this school, I felt lost like any parent feels the first day of school. However it wasn't long when I first had one mother walk up to me and asked if I needed help. As the day went on more and more mothers walked up to me and introduced themselves. I felt warm and welcomed.

walks around the school greeting Parent.

helping and getting involved in every aspect of the School. Which is the first time I've seen this most of the time principals are too busy in their office.

Well as my time went on I started attending more and more meeting at the school in the district and in my neighborhood as I got more information I noticed that rocketship was overtaking (in a matter of speech.) the area or neighborhood with SO many elementary schools. I can not say that it is bad to criticize the school. but as I know the traffic here is terrible and we all know that school create traffic. and schools put so close together create a traffic stoppage a clutter a problem.

Then the schools are proud to say they are advanced in all subjects in school. However they are not thinking Ahead. the kids are ahead in school but when they get to middle school, they will get stuck, because they know everything they were going to learn. so they get bored and loose concentration. we ask that rocketship use those resources they offer and open a middle school.