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Update Regarding Proposed Redwood Development in Round Lake

Fremont School District 79 is committed to keeping our community informed regarding the proposed Redwood LLC multi-family rental development in Round Lake. We understand that some residents have expressed concerns regarding this project, including the potential impact on our schools.

While the district does not have the authority to approve or deny zoning, we have maintained a productive dialogue with the Village of Round Lake to ensure the interests of our students and taxpayers are prioritized.

Since we initiated contact, the Village of Round Lake has been transparent and collaborative in our discussions. Fremont has addressed several critical points:

- Accurate Student Projections. We reached an agreement that the development is expected to produce 23 K-8 students, more than double the developer's initial estimate of 11.
- Capacity Constraints. We have clearly communicated that our Elementary School is currently operating beyond functional capacity. This remains a primary focal point of our discussions.
- Fair Impact Fees. We also discussed the process for determining the current value of a fully developed acre of land in Round Lake for the impact fee calculation, as the ordinance's value is outdated at $50,000. The per-dwelling capital fee that the developer must pay under the Round Lake ordinance was also discussed.

Transportation Considerations: Safe bus routing was discussed as a shared priority along the Route 60 corridor.

We appreciate the community advocacy efforts that highlighted the importance of maintaining our excellent educational programming as we grow.

FSD79 remains actively engaged in these discussions with our municipal partner. We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.