

Below are (2) different templates for emailing the Board of Education.

- Feel free to use the template that resonates with you. **Copy & paste into an email.**
- **Personalize it.** How does this issue impact YOU? That is what the Board needs to know.
- **Highlighted portions** are especially intended to be modified / removed if not applicable.
- 2026 CMS Board of Education members and their **email addresses are listed on the next page.**
- Email **each member separately**, giving priority to the **At Large members**. Thank you!

Dear Mr/Mrs. _____,

My name is _____. I am a **CMS student/parent** and resident of Madison Park.

Madison Central Park has become a beacon for the community since its establishment in 2010. The park, located on the property of Pinewood Elementary School in the Madison Park neighborhood, is now in danger of being converted into limited-use athletic fields.

Dilworth Youth Sports Association (DYSA) is looking to construct multiple baseball fields on the property that is currently a flexible green space. This would be as they called it, "a place to call their own" - A DYSA hub. Along with the baseball diamonds and batting cages, potential future expansion mentioned by DYSA reps include concession stands, bathrooms, and other infrastructure that would completely change the landscape and use of the park.

As you know, Pinewood Elementary is a CMS Title I school. The installation of dedicated baseball fields and other facilities could reduce student accessibility to this vital space. Pinewood Elementary uses the park for Field Day. The amazing teachers and staff at Pinewood also use the park to extend learning opportunities, such as with the Soccer at Schools event last spring. In contrast DYSA's rep has been quoted saying that current Pinewood student participation in their league is "close to zero."

Outside of school hours, my family frequents Madison Central Park for _____, **picnics, soccer practice, play dates, flying kites, connecting with nature, gathering with friends, and so much more.** It is heartbreaking to think this space we have worked so hard to create could all be taken away by the hand of a youth sports league from a more affluent neighborhood without meaningful input from the neighboring school and its surrounding community.

I respectfully request that the CMS Board *fully stop* the proposed installation of baseball diamonds and related construction on the Madison Central Park property.

Your time and consideration is much appreciated.

Thanks,

Dear Mr/Mrs. _____,

My name is _____. I am a resident of Madison Park.

Madison Central Park is located in the heart of my neighborhood. The park was created in 2010 thanks to a matching grant from the City of Charlotte. Neighbors similar to myself put in \$25,000 worth of volunteer hours in exchange for the city to demolish the vacant, old school building that sat on the land. Located on the property of Pinewood Elementary School, Madison Central Park is now in danger of being converted into limited-use athletic fields.

The CMS Operations team has entered into an Extended Use Agreement with Dilworth Youth Sports Association (DYSA) to construct multiple baseball fields on the property that is currently flexible green space. Not one field - *multiple fields*. Along with the baseball diamonds and batting cages, potential future expansion mentioned by DYSA reps include concession stands, bathrooms, and other infrastructure that would completely change the landscape and use of the park.

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Outside of school hours, I visit Madison Central Park to _____, **touch grass, play disc golf, walk my dog, birdwatch, among other things.** To think this urban green space might be taken away without serious consideration in regards to neighborhood **traffic, parking, safety, stormwater runoff, noise, wildlife, or _____ feels wrong.**

I am requesting that the CMS Board put an end to the proposed construction of baseball diamonds and related infrastructure on the Madison Central Park property.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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