

Intro – Darla Meeuwsen

Thank you again for letting me speak with you today.

You have heard from parents, residents, board members and students from the Sauvie Island community. They have shared about Sauvie Island – its great community, its respect for our school and how it is essential to Place-based education.

You have heard about its land use/growth restrictions – which naturally limits the number of on-island students – on average 25% - which requires SIA to seek students from off the island to be fiscally sustainable.

You have heard about the many types of people who live on the island, and how this brings diversity to SIA.

You have heard why having access to your neighborhood school – be it charter or not – is so important for students. You have heard the significant impact it has on students when their only option is many hours on a bus to get to a district school off of the Island.

These are essential pieces of information for you to consider – however I also wanted to share with you the current 2015/16 enrollment numbers for SIA

As you can see the numbers are consistent with those dating back to our 2011/12 school year when SIA began, and when our waiver was originally approved.

I ask in your work session that you take in to consideration what you have heard and what you have been presented.

I ask on behalf of SIA students, parents and our community that tomorrow you renew Sauvie Island Academy's waiver.

Thank you.