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I, Susan Knight, do state and aver to the following:

1. The attached letter is a true and accurate description of the hardships my family and I have faced since the announced closing of Conserve School's four year college preparatory school.

2. The closing of the school at the end of this school year creates an immediate and irreparable harm on my family and child.

Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me and in my presence this 24th day of February, 2009.

Notary Public

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CORY ERICKSON
STATE OF WISCONSIN

NOTARY EXPIRES: 6/24/2012

My son, Eliot Frost is a junior at Conserve. The restructure of the school has been quite disastrous for us. Between the disruptions of his junior year, the fear of a depressing atmosphere and the lack of sports next year the announcement that Conserve is closing has been incredibly upsetting.

First, he is a junior and will be applying to colleges next year. He was working especially hard and trying to get his best grades yet in the extremely important second semester of his junior year. Instead, he, the other students and the teachers are so distracted from their work he cannot possibly hope to raise his G.P.A. in this environment. He is also applying to other schools and this is further distracting him from his school work. As his parent, I am concerned that the school he graduates from is not moving towards, and will never become accredited and he will have that stigma on his high school career.

Second, though he has been invited back to Conserve for his senior year, he is upset at the residential life arrangements. He is afraid that with the school coming to a close at the end of the year, it will feel like a year-long funeral. He made friends with so many freshmen this year and it will be incredibly sad for him that they will not be on campus. He is not looking forward to having students in their early 20's acting as his resident "parents". As he has been looking at other schools, his chief desire is to have faculty live with the students as they do now at Conserve.

Third, he is really upset that there will not be any sports. Though not at all interested in sports before he came to Conserve, he has participated in three different sports and he especially loves cross country skiing. At best he will be able to enter a few citizen races next year, but nothing compared to the camaraderie of his sports teams. For several years, Conserve hosted a terrific race for all the northern Wisconsin ski teams and that will be a loss not only for Conserve, but all the teams that loved the venue.

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