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To: <u>Historic District Commission (Staff)</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Detroit Waldorf School outdoor classrooms

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request the City Council approve the outdoor classrooms at Detroit Waldorf School becoming permanent structures. Through volunteer efforts of faculty, staff, parents and community members the outdoor classrooms were built to allow Detroit Waldorf School to hold in person school safely during the pandemic. It has since become clear what a huge benefit it is to be able to hold classes outdoors on a regular basis. In addition the structures can be used by the community as we move away from the immediacy of the pandemic.

As a twenty five year employee of the school I have witnessed first hand the value these structures have brought to teaching children. Being outdoors and connecting with nature while learning has proved to be a valuable learning experience.

These structures support the mission of the school and it is our hope that we can make these structures permanent.

Best regards,

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