



**COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Mayor Treece and Council Members:

The Columbia Public Schools administration would like to provide feedback with regard to the Public Inconvenience Fee for street, sidewalk and alley closures. The school district understands and appreciates the reasoning behind the fee, and I expect that the city will have community support when it comes to privately-funded projects.

I am writing this letter to respectfully request an exemption for public school projects. Public schools are largely funded by local taxpayers. New schools, for example, are projects that have been approved by local voters and will be built with taxpayer funds. It is a burden on the taxpayer, who has agreed to raise his/her taxes to build a school, to also be assessed an additional fee by the city. For that reason, we believe that public schools should be exempt.

We welcome the opportunity to further discuss our position with you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter L. Stiepleman', written over a white rectangular area.

Peter L. Stiepleman  
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