



Marquette Companies

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Re: Letter of Support for Benet Academy

Dear Mayor Mullen and the Village of Lisle Board of Trustees:

I am writing in my capacity as the Executive Chairman and Partner in Marquette Companies to express my support for the proposed renovation of Benet Academy's athletic facilities currently under your consideration.

Academic institutions are a point of pride and reflect the values of the communities they serve. When our educational institutions thrive, the broader community benefits socially, culturally, and economically. Benet Academy has been a pillar in our community for more than 100 years, educating generations of students and impacting our community even more. Today, however, the school's athletic facilities do not offer the same quality, safety, or functionality that many peer institutions throughout our region provide their communities.

Benet's proposed renovation in modernizing its athletic facilities reflects a commitment to remaining a community asset within Lisle. These improvements will create welcoming, thoughtfully designed facilities that bring together students, families, alumni, and residents for school and community events, fostering community pride and strengthening the long-standing connection between Benet and Lisle.

What is being proposed is an investment in people, not just infrastructure. Modern facilities foster student engagement, support physical wellness, and expand extracurricular opportunities that help shape responsible, community-minded young adults. As someone invested in the long-term success and vitality of Lisle, I see this renovation as helping ensure that students leave Benet Academy not only with a strong education, but also a lasting appreciation for the Village that helped shape them.

Change is often difficult for people to accept. We have found over the many years of our development experience, including the completion of Water Street in downtown Naperville and Marq on Main in Lisle, that once a high-quality project is completed, the residents ultimately embrace the improvement. I appreciate the Village's thoughtful review of this proposal and its consideration of both long-term educational and community benefit.

Thank you for your service and for your careful attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Nicholas M. Ryan
Executive Chairman and Partner