

**To:** City of Fremont Planning Department

**From:** Michael Leahy, Alston Montessori Middle/High School

**Subject:** Statement of proposed operation of Alston Montessori Middle/High School at 750 Witherly Lane, Fremont, CA 94539

**Date:** December 21, 2004

The proposed change of use is from a single family residence A (H1) R to a private secondary school (E2) with a maximum capacity of 40 students, ages 12 to 18, and a teaching staff of 3 full-time teachers; an administrator and a clerk/bus driver.

Alston plans to make no changes to the exterior of the current building. It will remain architecturally congruent with the surrounding residences in the neighborhood.

Alston Montessori Middle/High School will normally operate Mondays through Fridays. Instruction will be between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, two hours longer than the traditional high school schedule. The school opens its doors at 7:30 AM and closes at 6:00 PM. Alston does not anticipate participating in interscholastic sports leagues because of our very small size and our long 8 hour school day.

*Exceptions:* Alston schedules three parent meetings per year, always on Tuesday evenings between 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. There is no reason why these evening parent meetings can not continue to be held at 155 Washington Boulevard. Alston currently has no student events after 6:00 PM or on week-ends.

**Normal Daily Schedule:**

7:30 – Student arrivals\* / Supervised Study  
8:00 – Individual and small group tutorials  
9:00 – Classes begin.

Noon to 12:30 - Lunch break

12:30- 1:00 – Recreation and clean up\*\*  
1:00 – 3:00 - Class room instruction  
3:00- 4:00 - Physical Education\*\*  
4:00- 5:00 - Supervised Study/individual and small group tutorials  
5:00- 6:00 - Departures\*

**\* Arrivals and Departures.**

None of Alston students are so young that parents must park and accompany students in and out of the building. None of Alston students will be old enough to drive.

Alsion owns and operates a 20 passenger school bus, which can shuttle students between Montessori School of Fremont at 155 Washington Boulevard and the proposed school site during peak times of the morning arrivals and afternoon departures. Bus morning drop-off is tentatively scheduled for 8:55 AM. Afternoon bus pick-up can be scheduled for any time after 4:00 PM. Three of Alsion's current students use AC Transit buses to commute to and from school on a routine basis.

During the past four years of operation at its current location at 155 Washington Boulevard, Alsion maintained a sign-in/sign-out log where each student records his or her times of arrival and times of departure. Analysis of these logs disclose the following arrival/departure times for our current enrollment of 34 students:

7:30 to 7:45 – 4 students  
7:45 to 8:00 - 3 students  
8:00 to 8:15 - 2 students  
8:15 to 8:30 – 5 students  
8:30 to 8:45 – 7 students  
8:45 to 9:00 – 11 students (6 are siblings and arrive in 3 cars / 3 arrive by AC Transit)  
9:00 to 9:15 - 2 students

Alsion allows individual students who are signed up for outside athletic team programs or who are enrolled in outside music/dance classes to leave at 3:00 PM and not attend P.E. Class and /or the supervised study time that follows. As a result, the afternoon departure times are more disbursed than arrival times:

3:00 to 4:00 – 11 students / 4 cars pick up  
4:00 to 4:15 - 5 students  
4:15 to 4:30 - 5 students / 2 cars pick up  
4:30 to 5:30 - 10 students (6 are siblings and depart in 3 cars/3 depart via AC Transit)  
5:30 to 5:45 - 3 students  
5:45 to 6:00- 0 students

**\*\* Outdoor Activities.** Alsion students leave the building during operating hours to attend classes at Ohlone College or to participate in sports and recreation programs on campus. There is an organized physical education class every day between 3:00 and 4:00. About 24 students participate. Basketball, volleyball, tennis, badminton activities are conducted on the proposed campus sports court, where we intend to add two student seating walls similar to those nearby at Ohlone College's outdoor amphitheatre. For flag football, soccer, and softball, students are taken to near-by City parks in the Alsion bus. Groups no larger than 6 will be gardening during dry weather, but not every day. All of these activities will always be supervised by the Athletic director or one of the other staff members. Students will have the opportunity to go outside during the noon hour recreation time, but not all of them. Students also use this time to play chess and table tennis indoors or to clean up after lunch, work on art projects, etc.

**To:** *City of Fremont Planning Department*

**From:** *Michael Leahy, Alsion Montessori Middle/High School*

**Subject:** *Amendment to December 21, 2004 Statement of proposed operation of Alsion Montessori Middle/High School at 750 Witherly Lane, Fremont, CA 94539*

**Date:** May 17, 2005

To further mitigate potential traffic impacts, Alsion Montessori proposes the following schedule for its school bus shuttle between the Montessori School of Fremont campus at 155 Washington Boulevard and the Alsion Montessori Middle/High School campus at 750 Witherly Lane, adjacent to Ohlone College.

Two morning runs\*:

8:00 a.m.

8:55 a.m.

Two afternoon runs\*:

3:05 p.m.

4:05 p.m.

Alsion's maximum permitted enrollment will be 40 students. Alsion's school bus has seating capacity for 20 students --- 50% of the School's maximum permitted enrollment of 40 students per trip.

\* Alsion will commit to two morning and two afternoon school bus trips each school day, however, Alsion reserves the right to alter the bus schedule to optimize the number of students transported during each run.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Leahy

