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Subject: **Freire Charter schools population will choke the Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood.**
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If you're community-minded and looking to settle in Wilmington, try Midtown Brandywine. That statement was true for years-but it can soon become history if over 400 students are added to our neighborhood crowding us off of our sidewalks, students spilling into the streets, with traffic jams and safety issues twice a day 5 times a week.

The Freire Charter School has picked the wrong location. With twice the population of Midtown Brandywine an influx of more than double the amount of people 5 days a week will help destroy our neighborhood as we know it today. Overcrowded sidewalks, students backed up into the street, traffic tie ups daily, congestion on West & 14th 13th and Orange Tatnall street will be the main issue. Not including pick ups & drop offs.

This is truly the wrong place for a school with that population. The infrastructure was not built to handle such a crowd-limited parking already exists. Narrow streets and no way out on the dead end of West 14st and Orange that could become a real hazard for traffic and pedestrians alike- if there was an emergency like a fire there would be **-no way out.**

Some folks don't realize the danger of what over 400 students added to our sidewalks twice a day 5 times a week will do. The pictures below are **just an example of what I am projecting will happen-the immediate picture shows about 75 students walking to the school on West 14 street-where are the 325 additional students going to fit on these sidewalks?** When people open their front door first thing in the morning they are going to be faced with a crowd of students so dense it could be difficult getting to their cars, walking their dogs-or just walking down the block.

Property values are dropping-

The infrastructure wasn't built to handle this.



Below 50 students approaching Freire Charter school-

add 400 more and you can have disturbing chaos in our streets.



Brandywine Midtown is a classic neighborhood in Wilmington that stretches from 12th & Washington streets to 14th & Orange streets, and ends at the Brandywine Creek. The area is composed of more than 200 homes and is a healthy mix of first-time homebuyers, established residents and growing families.

With the Freire Charter Schools inappropriate use of space not being thought through properly and not taking into account traffic getting in and out at a dead end block adding 400 students becomes a real hazard for pedestrians and traffic alike- the Freire Charter School has no strategy and is quite blind or doesn't care in dealing with Brandywine Midtown citizens and their prospective students.

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