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Esteemed Members of the Board,

My name is Jo Farwell. My property, 1013 Bedford Road, abuts Sage Collegiate. The Las Vegas City Council dropped the ball in notifying the community for phases 1 and 2 of Sage, but Sage Collegiate and its director, Sandra Kinne, have used that as a license to ignore neighborly obligations. They installed their playground and basketball court before abatements were granted and failed to perform NEPA studies on noise and lighting. I don't need a clock to know it's 9:30 a.m. on school days as I hear the scholars released on the playground in the living room of my 2,484 square foot house. Imagine how loud it sounds in my bedroom. Neighbors have recorded over 70 decibels in their backyard, hence the request for NEPA studies.

My main concern has always been the safety of the scholars. The back wall is an 8 to 10 foot drop on my side but only 4 to 5 feet on the school side. There are two trees at each end of the playground on the school side (photos 1 and 2), which I have video of the scholars climbing. Many items have come over the wall into my backyard the past three years including balls of all sizes and shapes, frisbees, hula hoops, bean bags, pencils, juice boxes, carrot packets, water bottles, trash, homework, school forms, clothing, rocks, and a shoe (which a grandparent knocked on my front door to retrieve) (photos 3 - 5 taken 5/22/2025). I used to throw them back over the wall but decided not to return the ammo after winter break this year. The balls and rocks have made it onto my porch, which concerns me for my windows and sliding glass doors. Despite several emails to Ms. Kinne (available on request), I still haven't received an answer on where the scholars are getting the rocks. I'm always assured that the scholars adult has been notified and appropriate consequences have been doled out. Except for the occasional ball, most of these items appear to be tossed over the wall deliberately. This leads me to believe there is a lack of supervision when the scholars are on the playground. The consequences of a child falling 8 - 10 feet is my primary concern. The tendency is to blame the tossed items on before and after care, but most instances I've witnessed have been during the school day when P.E. is in session.

Unless you visit the school campus, it is difficult to contact the school. Always short-staffed, emails are not answered promptly, and even when emergency contacts are provided, there is no response. The financial plan for Sage seems to be to load the school with Title I students. It's concerning and irresponsible for the school to be chronically understaffed with so many special needs scholars. It places both staff and students in danger. The attached photos were taken May 22, 2025. My mother taught for over 30 years in CCSD. I am a staunch supporter of charter schools and school choice. Safety of the scholars is paramount, and Sage Collegiate is dropping the ball, literally.

Best,  
Jo Farwell