

Why are we here today?

We represent a group of Marin residents - **almost 800 petition signers** - who are concerned about the potential impacts from the COM M&O Facility project.

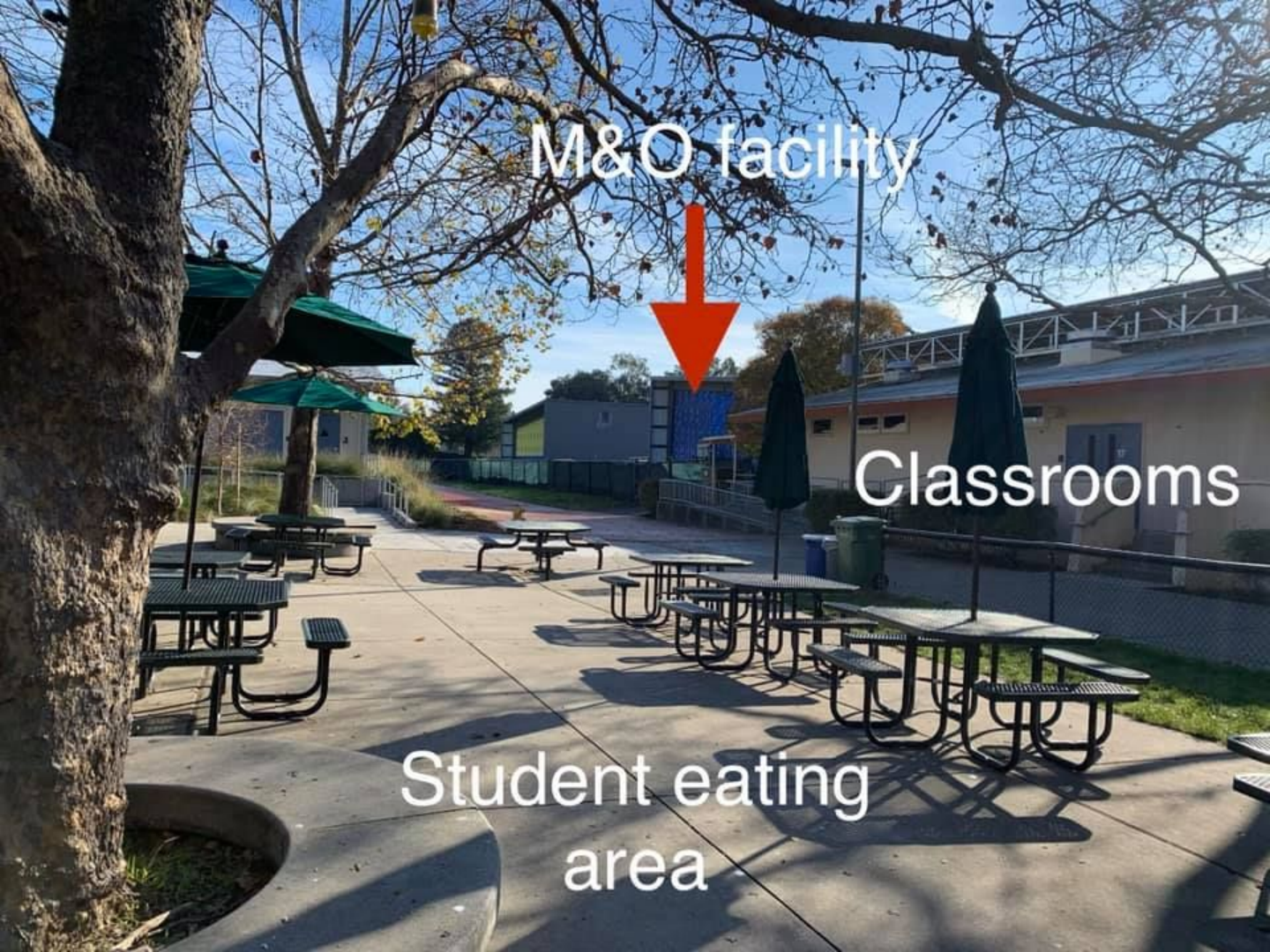
As the leadership of the College of Marin we want you to take action:

1. **STOP** the construction of the facility
2. **Conduct** an independent **EIR** of the project
3. **Commit** to mitigate any impacts



Friends of Kentfield Kids and Creeks

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M&O facility



Classrooms

Student eating area

Kent Middle School:

Over 550 kids eat, learn, and play here

The COM has blamed poor communication for the discontent and promised to do better. **But the issue is much bigger than that.**

- ★ No community input or consent
- ★ COM's nuisance facility was imposed on the students and staff at Kent Middle School and the community who uses the Corte Madera Creek
- ★ COM prioritized needs of its campus over the needs and safety of Kent MS and community
- ★ No consideration of impacts on students or the Corte Madera Creek during the "environmental assessment"

COM has created trust issues...

COM hasn't proven to be a trustworthy neighbor. You need to **rebuild that trust.**

- The true nature of the facility was hidden
- The CEQA process was ignored
- Construction activities have already been negligent
- Other planned COM projects have not been fully disclosed to our community

COM was given bad advice and made a bad choice

The COM Board of Trustees are not experts on environmental impacts and mitigation. You trusted experienced staff and consultants to evaluate these issues.

But you don't need to be an expert to see:

- ★ Significant change in use: from recreational to industrial
- ★ Trash storage and industrial activities less than 50ft from a public school and their play fields
- ★ Two new 26 ft high industrial buildings adjacent to a delicate creek ecosystem used for recreation by the community
- ★ Delivery and facilities vehicles driving next to a playard and classrooms for the middle school

M&O
Bldg.

Kent classroom

36ft distance



The COM needs to do an EIR under CEQA

CEQA asks: Will the action [project] potentially result in a direct or indirect change in the environment?

Rincon Consultants answered NO. They produced their Exemption Report based on this assumption.

CEQA asks: Can it be said with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity could have a significant or even potentially significant effect on the environment?

Rincon didn't even answer this question because they exited the process.

There are BIG changes to the site

Major changes to the site use as a ballfield vs. using it as an M&O facility.
Rincon's evaluation of "No Significant Impact" does not align with this fact.

False assumptions used for the Rincon Exemption Report:

- Report cited no added staff/students at COM as the basis of "no significant" change. Not based on change of activity on the site.
- Assumes the site will have the same activities as current facility at the existing site. But did not include trash transfer, deliveries, and industrial work planned for this site that are not being conducted at the old location.
- Report purely based on impact to the COM campus - but did not take neighbors, adjacent public school, or creek into consideration
- Report claims no impact to view - clearly untrue

Before: Site was a Playing field

STADIUM WAY BRIDGE

An aerial photograph showing a baseball field and stadium area. A red outline highlights a specific site on the field. The stadium is visible in the lower-left corner. A bridge labeled "STADIUM WAY BRIDGE" is visible in the center-right. The surrounding area is densely wooded and residential.

After: Site has two large buildings that are 20,000sq. ft. and 26ft tall surrounded by concrete and vehicle parking.







Kent MS

Flawed assumptions = flawed report = bad decision

Exemption Report did not list any of the intended uses of the facility other than “offices and storage”.

Report did not acknowledge the location of the site as being adjacent to Kent Middle School and the Grant Grover facility.

Report did not acknowledge the plans Friends of the Corte Madera Creek have discussed with COM about restoring the creek flow in the area.

The report was not given an opportunity for public comment and feedback because the project was never properly disclosed to the neighboring community.



What can you do now? Do the right thing!

Stop the construction work and conduct an *independent Environmental Impact Report* (EIR) to determine real and potential impacts and any mitigation necessary.

