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Hello Council men and women of Watsonville & Mayor of Watsonville,

I am emailing you today in regards to Paulsen rd and Casserly Rd in Watsonville, CA. I am a resident of Watsonville and my child attends Watsonville Charter School of the Arts (WCSA) This morning I drove through Casserly Rd to drop off my child at the Watsonville Charter School of the Arts (WCSA), our usual route is Paulsen Road. If you've never driven through paulsen road it floods every rainy season, last year it was so bad they closed the road. Driving through Paulsen Rd when it is flooded is risky and terrifying so

knowing it would be flooded I went through Casserly Rd where I also found a terrifying and flooded road. One lane was completely flooded, the video attached shows Casserly and cars passing through the flooded road. I was lucky that I did not have to pass through when I encountered the flooded road, one truck was kind enough to let me pass, I was able to make it to WCSA safely but while there I made the decision to turn back home, that is what you see in this video me going home on the safe lane with my child to avoid driving through this road again on my way for pickup. I have a 3 year old at home that I usually bring with me for pick up and I cannot risk my safety or the safety of my children.

How do I explain this, I was terrified, my heart was pounding, I do not feel safe driving through Casserly or Paulsen Rd, unfortunately they are the only 2 roads that lead me to WCSA. Many families drive through here, WCSA is an elementary school, there are families with school aged children that have to drive through here, not to mention the families that live there along with those commuting to work.

I noticed on Paulsen road they elevated the road in the bridge last year after they lifted the road closure. why? The road needs to be elevated where it floods, why can't we fix Paulsen road? When will it be fixed? When someone is injured? When someone dies? Does the safety of our community not matter? Does the safety of our children not matter?

I drove home with extreme guilt, I do not want my child to miss school, PVUSD just made the decision not to make budget cuts and while I'm relieved that many will not be left without employment I worry what low student attendance will do to the school's budget, I understand the importance of enrollment and attendance and how that impacts the budget. My child is also behind on reading, I want him to attend school, I understand how important this is for his education. But I cannot risk my or my child's safety.

I urge you to look at these two roads Casserly Rd and Paulsen Rd and put them on your priority list, something needs to be done. It is too unsafe to drive through these roads, these are not appropriate road conditions and with more rain coming this week I worry that I may have to keep my child home tomorrow again if the road conditions become worse while further hindering his education.

Prioritize our community's safety, prioritize a safe commute to our schools, prioritize our children, prioritize our children's education.

Emily Sencion

