



## **Barrington 220 to join lawsuit against Hoffman Estates and developer**

Barrington 220 has agreed to intervene in a legal complaint initiated by a group of private homeowners in their lawsuit against the Village of Hoffman Estates and developer Golden Goose Enterprises.

The Barrington 220 Board of Education approved a [Resolution](#) at its Oct. 16 meeting which instructs the District's lawyers to file a petition to formally intervene on behalf of District 220 in Coy et al v. Golden Goose Enterprises in the Circuit Court of Cook County, which was filed July 28, 2017.

The group of homeowners are seeking an injunction to stop the rezoning and development of a vacant plot of land at the northwest corner of Routes 59 and 72. Hoffman Estates rezoned the 145 acres, known as Plum Farms, in order for Golden Goose Enterprises to create a dense residential development on the property. The District filed an affidavit in that legal [complaint](#) documenting the potential impact on our schools and our taxpayers.

In summary, the approved zoning would allow a development of approximately 550 new homes to be built within the District, which could result in up to 900 new students. This increase in student population is estimated to increase the District's annual operating costs by between \$11-14 million and increase capital costs by between \$60-70 million. A development of this size would likely require construction of a new elementary school, middle school and place Barrington High School over capacity.

The Board's action is intended to prevent a development that could significantly impact our schools and all Barrington 220 taxpayers.

The private homeowners, who live across from the site, say the development will depreciate property values and limit them from enjoying and using their properties.