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Dr. Toni Jones
Superintendent
Town of Greenwich Board of Education
290 Greenwich Ave.
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

Dear Dr. Jones,

I hope this finds you well! The purpose of this letter is to formally request the use of the Hamilton Avenue School Field and Parking Deck for our annual St. Roch Feast. The dates of the 2023 Feast are 9 August to 12 August 2023. Our volunteers and vendors would like access to the Field beginning 5 August to begin setting up for the event.

I am pleased to announce that St. Roch Church has contracted with a new amusement ride vendor. In past years we were stuck with a sub-par vendor because no other vendor would consider our event due to its small size. Your kind permission last year to use the Hamilton Avenue School Field opened us up for consideration by other, more reputable vendors. The amusement ride and games vendor for the 2023 St. Roch Feast will be R. W. Commerford & Sons (“Commerford”). Commerford was founded by Robert W. Commerford more than 40 years ago and is currently being run by Robert’s son, Tim. Robert, 91 years young, continues to involve himself in the business whenever the opportunity presents itself, and Tim is always happy to have his father by his side. Commerford has newer, cleaner and more reliable equipment than our previous vendor. We are confident that replacing our previous vendor with this highly respected vendor will translate into a safer and more enjoyable atmosphere. We are grateful to you and the Greenwich Board of Education for affording us the opportunity to pursue Commerford as our ride and games vendor.

We have also contracted with Dark Horse Protection, a security firm recommended to us by St. Leo’s parish in Stamford. St. Leo’s uses Dark Horse Protection to supplement the Stamford Police at their Fair and has found the additional support to be extremely helpful. We, too, plan on continuing to have Greenwich Police Officers on site and will use Dark Horse Protection’s six additional staff to supplement those officers. The extra support will be utilized to project and assure a safer and more enjoyable event. We also will use the Dark Horse Protection staff to better enforce both our internal protocol and the Board of Education’s policy that no alcohol be allowed on school property.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Carl D. McIntosh
Pastor, St. Roch Parish