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**To:**  
Chair and Members  
Pompano Beach Zoning Board of Appeals  
100 West Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060

**From:**  
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**Subject:** Opposition to Application for “Griggs Car Wash,” 1401 SW 26th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL — Adverse Impact on BCPS ESE Student Employment Partnership

Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

I write in my capacity as Transition Supervisor for Broward County Public Schools’ Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program to respectfully **oppose** the approval of the proposed **Griggs Car Wash at 1401 SW 26th Ave., Pompano Beach, Florida**. My concern is specific and student-centered: approval of this application is likely to **jeopardize the number and quality of paid jobs available to BCPS ESE transition-aged students** through our existing workforce partnership with **Rising Tide Car Wash** in Pompano Beach.

### **Our Existing Partnership with Rising Tide Car Wash**

BCPS and Rising Tide have executed a Letter of Intent (LOI) outlining a work-based learning and employment partnership at Rising Tide Pompano Beach location at **2901 W Atlantic Blvd, Pompano Beach, FL 33069**. Under this LOI:

- **Rising Tide intends to provide paid employment to at least thirty (30) eligible BCPS ESE students at or near opening**, subject to its standard hiring processes and business needs.
- Rising Tide **commits to structured training** in employability skills, character development, sales, customer service, equipment operation, cleaning, management, and leadership.
- Students are **paid employees** of Rising Tide and receive day-to-day supervision and performance feedback in a **safe, inclusive work environment**.
- BCPS coordinates referrals, parent/guardian consents, alignment with IEP/transition goals, and (as appropriate) job coaching and transportation planning.
- The **shared objective** is that students build transferable skills and **progress to other competitive, integrated employment** in the community, which the BCPS Transition team may help facilitate.

This partnership is not theoretical; it is part of BCPS's strategic transition services model for students typically ages **18–22**, supporting their successful move from school to adult life through **paid, real-world experience**.

### **Why the Griggs Car Wash Proposal Threatens Student Employment**

Car washes draw from **localized, finite consumer demand**. Adding a new, proximate facility risks **market dilution**, which in turn threatens staffing levels, shift availability, and training capacity at Rising Tide's Pompano location—the very site designated to employ at least 30 of our students. In practical terms:

- **Reduced volume** spreads work across competing sites, often resulting in **fewer hours and fewer entry-level positions** at each location.
- Rising Tide's **training-intensive model**—which benefits our students—depends on predictable throughput and staffing continuity. An unexpected reduction in demand can **compress training budgets, supervision bandwidth, and advancement pathways** that are integral to student success.
- The immediate harm falls on a **protected and vulnerable student population** for whom structured, supported, **paid** work is a crucial bridge to long-term independence and inclusion.

### **Public Interest and Equity Considerations**

BCPS's mandate is to help students with disabilities achieve **competitive, integrated employment**. Our partnership with Rising Tide operationalizes this mandate locally and is designed to deliver **measurable social and economic benefits**: wages for students, reduced reliance on public benefits, and increased community participation. Approving a new facility that likely undercuts this established workforce pipeline is **contrary to the public interest**, particularly where a proven, inclusive employer has formally committed to hiring and developing a significant cohort of BCPS ESE students.

### **Request**

For the reasons above, I respectfully request that the Board **Deny** the application for the proposed Griggs Car Wash at 1401 SW 26th Ave.

BCPS is grateful for the City's longstanding commitment to inclusive economic development. We stand ready to provide any additional information the Board may require, and we can furnish the LOI and implementation plan upon request.

Thank you for your consideration and for prioritizing the future of our students.



Respectfully submitted,

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