U.S. Department
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**Federal Aviation
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Great Lakes Region
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Dear

Thank you for your recent letter to Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Administrator Babbitt asked me to respond on behalf of the agency.

From your correspondence, it appears the potential for aircraft noise impacting schools is of concern to you. We share that concern, as aircraft noise is often the most prevalent impact to residents near airports. I understand you have concerns regarding a few schools whose situation with respect to sound insulation is unresolved. We are continuing our discussions with those schools.

The FAA has provided extensive funding throughout the nation to address noise impacts to the greatest extent possible. The FAA has worked with the City of Chicago and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission to provide over $285 million for school sound insulation, and more than $62 million for residential sound insulation, to address O'Hare related noise impacts.

While we acknowledge that impacts such as noise cannot be completely eliminated, the FAA has taken significant steps to minimize those impacts, and we will continue to do so. We also anticipate technological advancements in the aviation industry will provide additional opportunities to do even more. Thank you for sharing your perspective with the FAA.

Sincerely,

for Barry D. Cooper
Regional Administrator
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