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August 1, 2011

Re: New Elementary School For
Oak Grove Attendance Area
Lamar County School District
Lamar County, Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Education
Office of Safe and Orderly Schools
P. O. Box 771, Suite 210
Jackson, MS 39402

Attention: Mr. Robert Campbell, Director

Dear Mr. Campbell,

The Lamar County School District is in the process of building a new elementary school which will house Kindergarten through the fifth grade. This new facility will alleviate overcrowding we are currently experiencing in our existing facilities. The new facility will serve approximately 700 students.

Enclosed you will find our "Evaluation of Proposed New School Site" form fully executed.

Also, as per item number 8, enclosed are the appraisals for the proposed property. The property is being purchased from two separate individuals and enclosed you will find two appraisals for each of the parcels. The purchase price for the Buckley property is \$5,000.00 per acre and the Purchase Price for the Minus Property is \$9,750.00. Also, as per item number 9, enclosed is a plat showing the proposed site size and acreage.

Also, as per item number 10, enclosed is a map showing the Lamar County School District and the location of the proposed new school.

Please submit this request for approval at the next Mississippi Board of Education meeting.

Respectfully,

Ben Burnett, Superintendent

Enclosures

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EVALUATION OF PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL SITE

Regardless of the source of funds, new school facilities shall not be constructed on any new site until the site has been submitted to and approved by the Mississippi Board of Education. School sites will be approved according to the criteria established by the Mississippi Board of Education.

One of the most important steps in the new building program is the selection of an adequate site. The site should be convenient to streets and roads and should be planned so as to avoid traffic hazards. It is recommended that an elementary school should have 5 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. A high school site should have at least 15 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. The following minimum requirements must be met or exceptions noted and approved:

1. The site serves an area with enough children (present and future) to warrant its existence as a school center.
2. The site is located in a reasonable proximity to the present and future school population.
3. The site environment is free of the odors, dust, dirt, noise and smoke that are usually associated with factories, stockyards, railroads, mills, agricultural chemical aerial spraying, etc. The site is free of hazardous waste.
4. Public utilities such as electric power, water, sewerage, telephone, fire protection and gas service are available to the site.
5. The size of the site is sufficient to provide adequately for the educational program of both the present and the anticipated future.
6. The site grounds are at sufficient elevation to prevent flooding or standing water.
7. The sub-soil conditions are such that foundations, footings, athletic fields and lagoons can be built.
8. The site can be purchased at a fair market price. Copies of two certified appraisals of the land must be attached whenever the purchase price is greater than \$50,000.00. Please refer to MS Code 1972, Annotated, 37-7-301(aa).
9. A survey plat of the property is provided with this application.
10. The proposed new school site is plotted on the school district map and is provided with this application.
11. The site is accessible by both vehicles and pedestrians.

Exceptions to the above minimum requirements must be noted and explained in detail.

None

Additional information for proposed new school site:

1. Is the proposed new site located on 16th section land owned by the school district?

Yes No

If yes, how many acres are available? _____ Acres

2. Is there organized opposition to the proposed site based on, but not limited to, the location of the school, acquisition of the land, safety issues, and/or community concerns?

Yes No

If yes, please explain. _____

3. Will the school district have fee simple title?

Yes No

CERTIFICATION

We, the President of the Board of Education/Trustees and the Superintendent of the

Lamar County School District hereby certify to the Mississippi Board of

Education that this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site for the construction of

a new elementary School location at West 4th Street, Lamar County, Mississippi
(street or rural route, city)

meets the minimum requirements previously stated or exceptions have been properly noted. Further, this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site has been duly adopted and approved by the Board of Education/Trustees of the Lamar County School District as evidenced by action taken by the Board of Education/Trustees of the Lamar County School District at an official board meeting held on the 14th Day of July, 2011.

President

Mike Pruitt (Print)
[Signature] (Sign)
8/8/11 (Date)

Superintendent

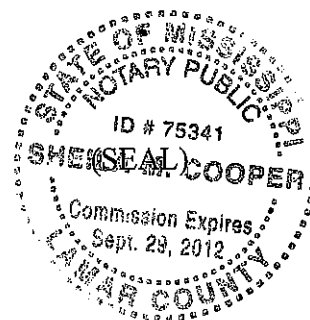
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School Board Attorney

Rick Norton (Print)
[Signature] (Sign)
August 2, 2011 (Date)

Sheila M. Cooper

Notary Public



Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 2nd day of August, 2011.