

July 17, 2006

The Honorable Sean T. Connaughton Chairman Board of County Supervisors Office of the Chairman 1 County Complex Court Prince William, VA 22192

Re:

Request for Deferral of Decision on the County School Board's Appeal of the May 17, 2006 Decision of the Prince William County Planning Commission, Public Facility Review No. PLN2006-00641, Davis Ford Road Middle School, Coles Magisterial District

Dear Chairman Connaughton:

As you know, the referenced appeal is scheduled to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 18, 2006. By this letter, the County School Board requests a deferral of the Board of County Supervisor's decision on that appeal. This request for deferral follows the School Board's receipt of a July 14, 2006 email memorandum from Coles Magisterial District Supervisor Marty E. Nohe in which he notes the need for additional information on some specific issues.

The School Board values the attention that Mr. Nohe has devoted to this appeal, and agrees with his suggestion that the School Board and its staff be given the opportunity to provide "clearer and more definitive answers to the issues raised by the public." It is in furtherance of that objective that the School Board requests a deferral of the Board of County Supervisors' decision on this application for appeal. I understand that legal counsel for the School Board and the County Attorney have consulted and agree that law allows the Board of Supervisors to defer its decision on this appeal without losing jurisdiction pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232(B).

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During the period of deferral, additional information will be provided that will address specific concerns regarding environmental impacts, topography, and effects on traffic. The School Board is confident that this can be accomplished. Therefore, we respectfully request a deferral of the hearing on this appeal to the next available date on the Board of Supervisors' docket following a sixty day delay.

On behalf of the County School Board, I thank the Board of County Supervisors for its prompt consideration of this request for deferral. I respectfully request that you advise me directly of the decision on this deferral request or whether it will be made prior to the hearing currently scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006.

Sincerely,

Lucy Beauchamp
Chairman At-Large

Prince William County School Board

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