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Board of County Supervisors
Prince William County
c/o Phil Campbell, Clerk
Office of the County Executive
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

RE: Petition of Appeal of Prince William County Planning Commission May 17, 2005
Decision on Public Facility Review #PLN2006-00641, Davis Ford Road Middle
School (Coles Magisterial District)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of County Supervisors:

On May 17, 2006, the Prince William County Planning Commission determined that the general or approximate location, character and extent of PFR #2006-00641, the Davis Ford Road Middle School site, is not substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. Please regard this as a Petition of Appeal of that decision pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232(B).

As grounds for the appeal, the School Board sets forth the reasons stated by the Prince William County Planning Staff in its May 5, 2006 Staff Report (the "Staff Report") recommending that the Planning Commission find general or approximate location, character and extent of the proposed Davis Ford Road Middle School substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the School Board refers the Board of County Supervisors to the analysis of the County Planning Staff set forth on Page 2, Paragraph IV (A) of the Staff Report.

As explained by County Planning Staff in the Staff Report, the proposed Davis Ford Road Middle School would be consistent with the Public Land ("PL") designation of the site, having previously been designated PL for a sewer treatment plant that already exists on the

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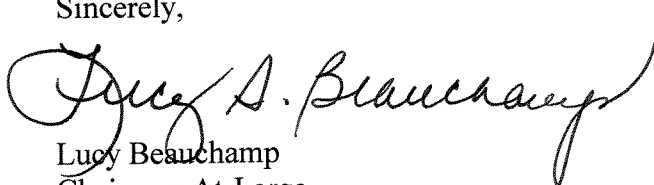
site. County Staff also observed in the Staff Report that Public Schools are compatible uses with the adjacent residential uses planned SRR, semi-rural residential. Furthermore, the School Board had provided written commitments (set forth in Attachment D to the Staff Report) to provide transportation improvements in order to defray the level of service impacts. These improvements included the commitments to construct left and right turn lanes along Davis Ford Road and to delay the opening of the school until 8:30 a.m. to reduce the impact on morning peak drive periods on Davis Ford Road. As explained in the Staff Report, the final design of the transportation improvements would be subject to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) review and approval at the time of the site plan review process.

As further explained by Staff on page 3 of the Staff Report, the School Board would provide three (3) storm water management ponds and protect areas containing RPAs. Furthermore, the School Board would verify and avoid the Small Whorled Pogonia as a condition of site plan approval. The School Board submits that these commitments demonstrated that the proposed school would be substantially in accord with the Environmental Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed Davis Ford Road Middle School will assist the School Board in meeting the need for additional middle schools as set forth in the School Division's Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The site is currently identified in the School Capital Improvements Program and meets the standards for the site selection in the School Division's Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

For the above reasons, and for other reasons that the School Board will submit at the time of the hearing on this appeal, the School Board hereby petitions the Board of County Supervisors pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-2232(B) to overrule the recommendation of the Prince William County Planning Commission that the approximate location, character and extent of the proposed Davis Ford Road Middle School is not substantially in accord with the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan. The School Board requests a decision by the Board at the earliest possible time, but no later than sixty (60) days of the date that this appeal is filed as required by Va. Code § 15.2-2232(B).

Sincerely,



Lucy Beauchamp
Chairman At-Large
Prince William County School Board

cc: Craig Gerhart, County Executive
Stephen Griffin, AICP, Director, PWC Planning Office