

June 22, 2006

Mayor Mark Chilton Carrboro Town Hall Main Street Carrboro, NC 27510

Dear Mayor Chilton:

As you know, the Board of Education has plans to construct its tenth elementary school on the Twin Creeks site in the northwest corner of your planning jurisdiction. This school is needed to accommodate our projected student enrollment, which continues to grow at a steady pace. In fact, our elementary schools will exceed 100% of their capacity next year, and we expect to exceed the 105% Level of Service in 2007-08. If this happens, it will trigger provisions in the Schools Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (SAPFO) that will not allow us to issue CAPS for new residential construction within the boundaries of the school district until the new elementary school opens.

Financial constraints have inhibited our ability to move forward with this project on as timely of a basis as we would have preferred. Nevertheless, we have proceeded with the front-end of the planning process and have submitted preliminary plans for the school to your planning department. We expect to submit a formal application by July 1, 2006.

Last night the Orange County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution in support of Elementary 10 with a commitment to study financing alternatives that would make it possible to open the school in 2008-09. The Commissioners did not reach a decision as to whether funding for a 2008 opening is feasible but stated they would move forward at their August 31, 2006 meeting after an investigation of options by their staff.

Although the schedule would be very tight and would require the utmost cooperation of all parties, we believe that this deadline can be met and want to be prepared to meet it. In order to do so, however, we must receive a Conditional Use Permit and a building permit before the end of December 2006. Therefore, we are formally requesting that the Carrboro Aldermen approve an expedited review of this project that would make it possible for us to meet this deadline.

We also encourage you to take any other steps that would expedite the process, including the separate review of the parcel of land required for the elementary school from the remainder of the property. Thank you for any consideration that you can give that will expedite this project.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stuckey, Chair

Cc: Sarah Williamson

Steve Stewart