



Stephen W. Hefner, Ed.D.
Superintendent

May 19, 2017



Dear [Redacted]

This letter is written as a follow-up to the questions you asked during the "Public Participation" portion of the May 8, 2017 meeting of the Trustees of School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties.

You asked *"Why isn't this [Mount Vernon Church Road] land being developed?"*

Answer: As Superintendent, I hope that the Mount Vernon Church Road site will one day be home to a school. I do not feel that this site is the most appropriate location for the next elementary school in the Chapin area for the reasons stated in my answer to your next question.

You asked *"Who—specifically—just proposed the AFR site & what was the logic?"*

Answer: In the "Vision 2020" plan I presented to the Board on September 12, 2016, I—as Superintendent—proposed that an additional elementary school be built in the Chapin area due to our current student enrollment. Subsequently, I recommended that the new elementary school be built on the west side of the Town of Chapin. I made this recommendation to support the District's commitment to neighborhood schools. To continue alignment with that goal, we have determined that it is desirable to place a school in that area. If we are unable to do that, we may end up with a situation where the students west of Chapin are the Chapin Elementary population, the current Chapin Elementary students residing east of Chapin get moved to Lake Murray Elementary and those students living in close proximity to Lake Murray are moved to a location further east. A circumstance like that would not be consistent with our goals and history. It is my hope that children who live in Chapin can attend school in Chapin.

You asked *"Is there any—whatsoever—association between the AFR proposed site & any person on the Board?"*

Answer: To the best of my knowledge, there is no connection between any Board member and the Amicks Ferry proposed site.

Respectfully yours,

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Superintendent



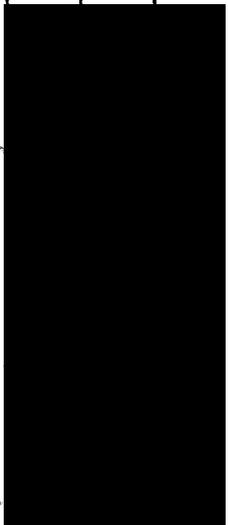
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OF KENTON & HIGHLAND COUNTIES

Public Participation Sign-Up

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TOPIC OF CONCERN:

Given the \$16M,000, 2011, 477+
 acres plus thousands of land. (1) Why don't you have
 land development? (2) Why - from history - just
 make sure the NR sites & better than the slope?
 (3) Is there any - what's more - association between?
 The NR proposed site & any person on the Board?