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Dear

Florida law requires that the location of public educational facilities be consistent with the comprehensive plan and implementing land development regulations of the local governing body. The law also requires school boards to enter into Interlocal Agreements with the counties and cities to establish jointly the specific ways to coordinate the plans and processes of the school boards and the local governments. In 2008, the School Board entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County and local cities and towns. That agreement was amended in 2012.

For purposes of implementing "school concurrency", the comprehensive plan of each local government requires the establishment of "school concurrency service areas (SCSAs)" to link school capacity with areas of residential development. The boundaries of the elementary, middle and high SCSAs were then established by maps included within the Interlocal agreement. The procedures for amending the SCSA boundaries are prescribed by the respective comprehensive plans and by the Interlocal Agreement.

On January 17, 2017, the SBAC gave initial approval to reducing the number of elementary school concurrency areas from nine to three. As required by the Interlocal Agreement, the issue was presented to the Elected Officials meeting on January 19, 2017 for comments and questions. The next step in the process requires amending the Interlocal Agreement.

Toward that end and in accordance with the criteria and procedures established in *Section 8.4 School Concurrency Service Areas, Map 3: Elementary Schools and Elementary School Concurrency Service Areas* needs to be amended. The effect of the amendment is to consolidate nine elementary concurrency service areas into three elementary concurrency service areas.

Data and analysis has been prepared to support the proposed SCSA modification. See attached document titled "Modification of Elementary Concurrency Service Areas: Data and Analysis" dated April 12, 2017.

In addition, Section 8.4.1 needs to be amended to remove reference to the "Boundary Adjustment Act". The "Boundary Adjustment Act" has been repealed. ("SCSA boundaries shall be based upon the relationship of school facilities to the communities they serve, including the reserve area designations under the "Boundary Adjustment Act" and the effect of changing development trends.")

The School Board voted to approve these amendments to the Interlocal agreement on April 18, 2017.

Following approval by the School Board, the amended Interlocal Agreement must be submitted to all local governments (parties to the agreement) for approval. The amendment is not effective until ratified by all parties to the agreement.

The modified Elementary School Concurrency Service Areas – if approved – will be applied beginning on October 1, 2017 and incorporated into the 2017-2018 Five Year District Facilities Plan. To meet this schedule, **we are requesting that each of the local governments take action on the proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement by August 31, 2017.** To assist in your deliberations, the school board staff will be available to meet with your elected officials, staff and others as you may deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Sandy Hollinger, Interim Superintendent