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DATE: October 25, 2000

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bernard M. Farmer, Jr., Capital Projects Administrator

SUBJECT: Third High School Site Selection Process

Since the 1st of September, a committee appointed by the County Administrator has been meeting to develop recommendations regarding sites for the third high school. This memorandum will explain some of the activities of the committee and provide the Board with a brief understanding of actions to date.

The committee has members from the County Staff, School Board, School Staff, and a Planning Commission member. The initial meeting occurred on August 30, 2000, and the committee has met four times since then. Initial efforts of the committee involved a review of site size requirements and school needs as well as a review of the school student distributions. The committee received information regarding the present student populations and the projected student growth and looked at the most likely geographical areas of future growth in order to select a target area for the school. The committee also received information and reviewed the Joint School/Parks and Recreation Facilities Utilization Report.

With that information available the committee began to preliminarily identify potential sites within the area of interest. After all the known sites were identified, the committee used the following six factors to rank each site as category 1, 2 or 3 with Category 1 sites being most desirable.

- 1 - Location
- 2 - Topography
- 3 - Access
- 4 - PSA and Utilities
- 5 - Size
- 6 - Miscellaneous other factors identified with the individual parcel

Five sites in Category 1 are presently being studied in greater detail utilizing the attached site selection ranking sheet. Each category on the sheet will be ranked by the committee according the following scale: 1-highly unfavorable, 2-slightly unfavorable, 3-neutral, 4-slightly favorable, and 5-highly favorable. These rankings will then be multiplied by a weight between one and nine that corresponds to the relative importance of a particular criterion. The resulting scores are then totaled for a full numerical score of a particular site. Funding was included in the CIP estimate preparation to provide for this work effort.

At present, assignment of weightings is still under discussion by the committee and pending final decisions. Some information has been gathered pertaining to the sites and more detailed information is being assembled by staff to help in the rating process. If the Board has questions pertaining to the process being used or the site selection criteria, I would be happy to answer them.

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Attachment