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September 10, 2007

Chatham County Board of Commissioners
Chatham County, North Carolina
12 East Street, P.O. Box 1809
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to request Chatham County's text amendment to certain portions of the Chatham County Zoning Ordinance specifically as they apply to setback requirements for public and private schools.

We have received a notice of violation of the 1992 ordinance requirements at our North Chatham Elementary School and have moved the mobile units found in violation to a setback of 70 feet from the centerline of Lystra Road. The 70 foot mark is the minimum setback requirement of that zoning district. Without the requested text amendment we will be unable to provide classroom space for the enrolled children at that school since we have no more room to increase the setback.

We likewise have installed a steel guard rail on the school side of a natural barrier drain ditch running parallel to Lystra Road as added protection for the mobile units located at that site.

We believe the actions we have taken to adequately locate and protect those units are in consonance with information previously discussed between the two boards and respectfully request your favorable action on this request. This request has the unanimous approval of the Board of Education and is so stated in its minutes of the 10 September 2007 board meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Norman Clark'.

Norman Clark
Chair, Chatham County Board of Education