



May 22, 2019

Penny Rich, Chair  
Orange County Board of County Commissioners  
200 South Cameron Street  
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Mayor Pam Hemminger  
Town of Chapel Hill  
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Mayor Lydia Lavelle  
Town of Carrboro  
Town Hall  
301 W. Main Street  
Carrboro, NC 27510

Subject: School District "Greene Tract" Land Reservation for Future School Site

Dear Chair Rich, Mayor Lavelle, and Mayor Hemminger:

On behalf of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, this letter is to provide feedback on the Greene Tract "Proposed Future Land Use Map". We thank you for your support and want to convey the critical importance that the Board of Education preserves land to provide space for a future school site for the district.

The district acknowledges that a future school site has been designated and indicated on the Greene Tract for many years. In review of the proposed conceptual plan, the "School Site" indicated will need to be increased in size from approximately eleven (11) acres to twenty (20) acres. The basis for the request is to ensure the site meets current and future school building capacities as indicated by the Department of Public Instruction for an elementary school: a minimum of ten (10) acres of land plus an additional one (1) acre for every 100 students. Using the above formula, we estimate a minimum of sixteen (16) acres for a school site and request an additional four (4) acres to allow for optimal placement of the school due to irregularities in the shape and topography of the parcel. Possible school locations within or next to the preserved buffer areas within the Greene Tract make the actual land space required for a school site slightly larger than the recommended sixteen (16) acres.

The district also requests an opportunity to review the planned or reserved location of a school site prior to designation of the actual space location for a school within the Greene Tract.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to additional conversations with Orange County, Town of Carrboro and Town of Chapel Hill staff on the reservation of a school site within the Greene Tract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joal H. Broun".

Joal Broun, Chair  
Board of Education