



# Pasco County Schools

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Re: Your email correspondence sent March 19, 2018  
Submission of Proposal for Lower Cost Regulatory Alternative  
And Request for Draw-Out Hearing

Dear Ladies and Gentleman:

Thank you for the referenced correspondence, wherein you set forth an alternative Lower Cost Regulatory Alternative ("LCRA") to the February 27, 2018 proposed revisions to the West Pasco attendance boundaries for the 2018 / 2019 school year and request a "draw-out" proceeding pursuant Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. My recommendation to the School Board regarding this rezoning has been published and is available <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/planning/rezoning/> at the links indicating Superintendent's Recommendation. It modifies the February 27, 2018 proposal, and may substantially reduce the short term the impact of the proposed rezoning upon your communities. Nevertheless, this correspondence is the response to your request for a draw-out hearing.

As you may be aware, pursuant to section 1001.41, Florida Statutes, it is within the authority of the School Board, after considering recommendations of the Superintendent, to assign students to schools. As Superintendent, it is my duty to advise the School Board and to make sound recommendations to it regarding the efficient operation of District schools in consideration of the best interest of all its students.

Concerning this proposed rezoning, the District published the maps together with notice of a public workshop for March 12, 2018. At the workshop, both District and School based staff were available to receive public input and to answer questions regarding the rezoning, including the matters you raised in your statement. All substantive input received by the District, including substantive input received at the workshop, is included with the information presented to the School Board for consideration prior to the public hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the School Board Room, Building #3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34638, and the final action is scheduled for the School Board's regular meeting on May 1, 2018 at the same location.

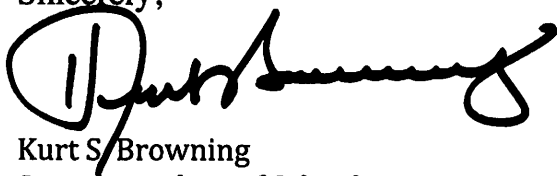
Prior to the submission of your LCRA, the District prepared a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC), a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Included with the SERC is a response to your LCRA. All these materials are included with submissions to the Board prior to the public hearing. Upon review of your LCRA and the SERC, it has been determined that no revisions to the SERC are required.

The School Board is the governmental body charged by the law of the State of Florida to ultimately make the determination to assign students to schools within the District. Pursuant to the statutes indicated, as well as applicable School Board bylaws and policies, the School Board has both the obligation and ability to consider any information presented to it as part of its quasi-legislative function in the existing adoption process.

I have reviewed your request for a "draw-out" proceeding and the attachments thereto. After considering these materials, I do not find that there has been an affirmative demonstration that the current process fails to provide adequate opportunity to protect your interests in this matter. As such, I do not find that a "draw-out" proceeding is necessary at this time, and as such, the revision process will not be suspended. Each of you will, of course, have the opportunity to participate at the public hearing.

In light of the foregoing, please accept this correspondence as an explanation why the draw-out proceeding you have requested is unnecessary, and why the current process is fair and adequate to protect all involved interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt S. Browning". The signature is stylized with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kurt S. Browning  
Superintendent of Schools