



Pasco County Schools

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Sent via email to jjs1791@gmail.com

And regular U.S. Mail to:

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Re: Your email correspondence sent March 4, 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 to the 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. This correspondence is the School District's response thereto.

As you are likely 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.

Changes to the process, which were occasioned in part by recent litigation, have more closely aligned the District's process with other State Agencies subject to Florida Statute Chapter 120. In the District's process, it utilizes a workshop to facilitate the public's access to District staff, and to make staff available to respond to questions from the public. The workshop also provides a more informal opportunity for the public to meet with representatives of each of the Departments involved in formulating the recommendation, and to interact with representatives of each affected school to obtain information of interest regarding other opportunities available. At the workshop, District staff members facilitate access to a form whereby those who wish can provide feedback, comments, and suggestions regarding the matter. This form is also available

online at the rezoning tab of the District website. All input received is subject to public record laws, and it is provided to the School Board for consideration as part of its quasi-legislative function in the process.

The next part of the process is a public hearing scheduled before the School Board, at which time the School Board has another opportunity to hear additional comments, feedback, and input from the public before making its final decision on the matter. The School Board's final deliberation and action are scheduled to occur at a subsequent public meeting in order to give the board an opportunity to assimilate and consider all relevant materials received through the workshop and public hearing process.

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. I have been informed that you, Mr. Stanley, were among those who were present at the workshop, and that you actively engaged in the exchange of information. 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.

The District has prepared a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC), a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Included with the SERC is a response to your proposed Alternatives. All these materials are included with submissions to the Board prior to the public hearing, including your March 16, 2018 supplemental submission.

The School Board is the body charged by the law of the State of Florida to ultimately make the determination to assign students to schools. 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 written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial "K".

Kurt S. Browning
Superintendent of Schools