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Memorandum

October 12, 2005

To: Alachua County School Board Superintendent
County, City, and Town Council Managers in Alachua County

From: Terry L. Tougaw, Director of Community Planning/Zoning

Re: SB 360, School Concurrency & Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning

The following are the opening sentences in a letter dated August 5, 2005 and sent to all City, County and School Board leaders. *“On June 24, 2005, Governor Bush signed Senate Bill 360 which introduced a number of significant reforms to Florida’s growth management law. Chief among these changes was a new requirement that local governments and school boards adopt a school concurrency program by December 1, 2008.”*

The first step in this process is for school boards and local governments to update the current Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning to include several new items required by the law.

During September, 2005, the School Board and several of the local governments have already taken action by their boards and commissions to participate in an incentive program offered by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the early submission of the undated interlocal agreement by September 1, 2006. All agencies will have to participate and an executed contract between DCA and the lead agency will have to be sent to DCA no later than December 31, 2005.

On September 6, 2005 the Staff Working Group of the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning met with representatives from the school board and several local governments to discuss the requirements of SB 360 and a timeline for planning and implementation. The only action taken was to designate the school board as the lead agency in this process.

A follow up meeting will be held on *Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 9:00 am at the school board’s Sivia Center located at 3700 NE 53rd Ave—Gainesville, Fl.* The purpose of this meeting is to prepare a more refined timeline and master calendar for the process and prepare information and recommendations to present to the Elected Officials Group of the interlocal agreement.

The following is an abbreviated timeline, comments and proposed actions necessary to keep the process moving. Please review the timeline and comments and forward me the names of your staff and elected official representatives as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have questions, please call me at 955-7591, or my email is tougawtl@sbac.edu.

Abbreviated Timeline & Planning for Implementation—SB 360

- September 15, 2005 Letter of Interest Due—Incentive program for Early Completion of the Update to the Public Schools Interlocal Agreement (**Action was taken by the school board and several of the local governments. The others will also have to agree and take action**)
- October 6, 2005 Staff Working Group Meeting—Sivia Center
- October 14, 2005 Florida School Boards Association—Growth Management Workshop—School Concurrency (**One of four held around the state and was attended by all school board members, superintendent and staff**)
- October 20, 2005 Department of Community Affairs Workshop—SB 360—to be held in Lake City
- October 27, 2005 Staff Working Group Meeting—Sivia Center—9:00am
***(Important for school board staff and a representative from all local governments to attend)**
- November 8, 2005 School Board Workshop—Growth and Development—School Board Meeting Room—10:00am
- November 15, 2005 Elected Officials Group—Annual Meeting—School Board Meeting Room—1:30pm—(Note-This meeting has not been officially set, but is strongly recommended so that the Staff Working Group may make their presentation with regard to the timeline and what will be required to implement school concurrency as required by SB 360) planning council The Elected Officials Group is made up of an official representative from the school board, county commission, each city commission or town council and a representative from the regional planning council**
- November 15, 2005 Joint School Board/County Commission—School Board Meeting Room—3:30pm
- December 31, 2005 Contract due to DCA—Interlocal Incentive Program
- September 1, 2006 Interlocal Agreement Due to DCA
- July 1, 2008 Public School Facilities Due to DCA