



February 22, 2017

The Honorable Mayor Green
Members of Town Council
Town of Castle Rock
100 North Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104

RE: Conveyance of The Meadows Filing No. 20, Phase 1, Tract E to Douglas County School District for Use by Apex Community Elementary School

Honorable Mayor Green and Members of Town Council,

Douglas County School District (the School District) respectfully requests conveyance of The Meadows Filing 20, Phase 1, Tract E (a dedicated school site) to the School District for use by Apex Community Elementary School. This charter school would help the School District to relieve enrollment capacity issues in The Meadows area of Castle Rock.

In April 2016, the School District's Long Range Planning Committee recommended that the local Board of Education consider options to address the capacity needs of The Meadows. One of the options was a charter school to be located on The Meadows Filing 20 dedicated school site. Of the schools currently serving this area, Clear Sky Elementary School and Soaring Hawk Elementary School are at capacity, and Meadow View Elementary School is projected to be near capacity in five years. With the projected build-out of The Meadows, the schools currently serving this area will have insufficient capacity. This scenario would obviously have a negative impact on students, families, and the community.

In December 2016, the School District's Board of Education approved a charter contract with Apex Community Elementary School, as well as Apex's use of The Meadows Filing 20 dedicated school site. The School District would like to enter into a ground lease with Apex.

Apex Community Elementary School is planned to open in August 2018. The building will be 40,000 square feet, two stories, and match the adjacent commercial building architecture. Projections indicate that it will have 480 students in grades K-8. The school will be on a conventional calendar. No transportation services will be provided for students.

Thank you for your time. I am available to answer any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Cosgrove, P.E.
Director of Planning and Construction, Operations