Montgomery County
Public Schools

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Mr. F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator
County of Montgomery
755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2E
Christiansburg, VA 24073-3179

RE: Request Allocation of Funds for the Acquisition of Land for a New Belview-Area Elementary Building Project

Dear Mr. Meadows,

The Montgomery County School Board requests that the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors allocate funds for the acquisition of land to be used as the new site for building a new Belview-area Elementary School with 720 student capacity to address the residential growth in the northwest sector of Christiansburg. A new elementary school in the Christiansburg community will provide relief to CPS and CES by realigning the attendance zone lines and removing 11 mobile units. There is currently $554,529 left over from completed capital projects that the school board is holding for undesignated future capital projects. The school board requests that the aforementioned undesignated funds be applied to the purchase of land for a new Belview-area Elementary School.

Additional, a final accounting of the completed building project for AHS, BHS and AMS resulted in left over funds in the amount of $684,792.78. We have evaluated whether there are additional needs for each school, and have determined that our priority is the purchase of land for the new elementary school in Christiansburg. However, there are still unresolved concerns with Branch and Associates, Inc., that require us to hold $200,000 in reserve. The remaining $484,792.78 may be applied to land acquisition for a new Belview-area Elementary School.

The estimated cost for the construction of Falling Branch Elementary School additional academic wing and roofing project is $10 million. However, if there are any savings from this project, we ask that the funds rollover to the building of the new Belview-area Elementary School.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (540) 382-5100 x1002 or markmiear@mcps.org.

Sincerely,

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