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Memorandum

To: Jamie M. Kanburoglu, Director of Planning and Zoning
Gaston County Planning and Development Services
From: Bessie Harvey, Assistant Superintendent of Operations,
Gaston County Schools

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Holly Springs Development

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed Holly Springs Development located at 400 W. Catawba Ave., Mt. Holly, NC 28120.

Currently, these proposed home sites and subdivision would be served by the following Gaston County Schools: Ida Rankin ES, Pinewood ES, Catawba Heights ES, Mounty Holly MS, and East Gaston HS.

Ida Rankin Elementary serves students from kindergarten through the 5th grade and has a core capacity for 665 students. The school consists of 82,591 square feet and was constructed in 1910 with additions that were added in 1996.

Pinewood Elementary serves students from kindergarten through the 5th grade and has a core capacity for 606 students. The school consists of 71,490 square feet and was constructed in 1970 and 2005.

Catawba Heights Elementary serves students from kindergarten through the 5th grade and has a core capacity for 441 students. The school consists of 47,069 square feet and was constructed in 1959 with additions added in 1971 and 2005.

Mounty Holly Middle serves students from 6th through 8th grade and has a core capacity for 796 students. The school consists of 109,728 square feet and was constructed in 1910 with additions added in 1965, 1982, and 1996.

East Gaston High serves students from 9th through 12th grade and has a core capacity for 1238 students. The school consists of 184,144 square feet and was constructed in 1972.

Our vision for Gaston County Schools is to inspire every student toward success and a lifelong love of learning. We bring this vision to life each day through the dedication of outstanding employees and the invaluable support of our community partners. Together, we provide innovative educational experiences within safe, nurturing environments that foster growth and achievement. As our community evolves, Gaston County Schools remain committed to meeting the needs of a changing population and embracing the strength found in this change.

The information you have provided will be beneficial to us as we plan for the Gaston County Schools future and potential growth in our schools.

Thank You -Bessie Harvey