

Petition No: 2014-105

RECOMMENDATION

We have the following comments that are critical to CMS' support of this petition:

Adequacy of existing school capacity in this area is a significant problem. We are particularly concerned about rezoning cases where school utilization exceeds 100% since the proposed development will exacerbate this situation. Approval of this petition will increase overcrowding and/or reliance upon mobile classrooms at the schools listed below.

The total estimated capital cost of providing the additional school capacity for this new development is \$283,000 calculated as follows:

Elementary School: 8 x \$20,000 = \$160,000

Middle School: 3 x \$23,000 = \$69,000

High School: 2 x \$27,000 = \$54,000

CMS recommends the petitioner schedule a meeting with staff to discuss any opportunities that the petitioner/developer may propose to improve the adequacy of school capacity in the immediate area of the proposed development.

TOTAL IMPACT FROM PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Housing Units: 36 single family detached dwellings under R-4 zoning

CMS Planning Area: 8

Average Student Yield per Unit: 0.3483

This development will add 13 students to the schools in this area.

The following data is as of 20th Day of the 2013-14 school year.

<i>Schools Affected</i>	<i>Total Classroom Teachers</i>	<i>Building Classrooms/Teacher Stations</i>	<i>20th Day, Enrollment (non-ec)</i>	<i>Building Classroom/Adjusted Capacity (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>20th Day, Building Utilization (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>Additional Students As a result of this development</i>	<i>Utilization As of result of this development (Without Mobiles)</i>
ALBEMARLE RD.ELEMENTARY	81	42	1220	716	193%	8	194%
LEBANON ELEMENTARY	52	36	821	629	144%		146%
ALBEMARLE RD. MIDDLE	69.5	50	1163	1262	139%	3	139%
NORTHEAST MIDDLE	46.5	54	777	1173	86%		86%
INDEPENDENCE HIGH	126.5	100	2270	2729	127%	2	127%

**This development overlaps elementary and middle school boundaries. A determination of the elementary and middle school assignments will occur at a later date.*

INCREMENTAL IMPACT FROM PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT*

Existing number of housing units allowed: None. Currently under Town of Mint Hill's jurisdiction

Number of students potentially generated under current zoning: zero (0)

The development allowed under the existing zoning would generate zero (0), while the development allowed under the proposed zoning will produce 13 student(s). Therefore, the net change in the number of students generated from existing zoning to proposed zoning is 13 student(s).

As requested, we are also providing information regarding the difference in the number of potential students from the existing zoning to the proposed zoning. Please note that this method of determining potential numbers of students from an area underestimates the number of students CMS may gain from the new development.