

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 \$3,031,000 calculated as follows:

Elementary School: **80**x \$20,000 = \$1,600,000

Middle School: **27**x \$23,000 = \$621,000

High School: **30**x \$27,000 = \$810,000

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: 240 single family (for sale) under MX-2 zoning

CMS Planning Area: 15

Average Student Yield per Unit: 0.5706

This development will add approximately 137 students to the schools in this area.

The following data is as of 20th Day of the 2006-07 school year.

<i>Schools Affected</i>	<i>Capacity Without Mobiles</i>	<i>20th Day, 2006-07 Enrollment (non-ec)</i>	<i>Additional Students As a result of this development</i>	<i>Total Enrollment As a result of this development</i>	<i>20th Day, 2006-07 Utilization (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>Utilization As a result of this development (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>Number of Mobiles</i>
Berryhill	272	352	80	432	129%	159%	0
Wilson	608	702	27	729	115%	120%	0
West Mecklenburg	1900	2095	30	2125	110%	112%	0

INCREMENTAL IMPACT FROM PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT*

Existing number of housing units allowed: 316 single family units under R-MH zoning

Number of students potentially generated under current zoning: 180 (104 elementary, 36 middle and 40 high school student)

The development allowed under existing zoning would generate 180 students, while the development allowed under the proposed zoning will produce 137 students. Therefore, the net change in the number of students generated from existing zoning to proposed zoning is 43.

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.