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Ken Hagan, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
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Dear Chairman Hagan; *Ken*

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 2009. Like the Commission, the School Board has heard from many interested persons wishing to express their opinions both for and against the placement of cell towers on School Board property. The School Board regrets that it was not able to discuss the Commission's concerns as stated in your letter, but welcomes your correspondence as our first opportunity to inform you of the following.

The School Board has complied and will continue to comply fully with all requirements of the County Land Development Code. Additionally, the School Board has been and remains committed to site based management of schools and the inclusion of the school community in all major decisions.

At the same time, the School Board was in no way averse to the notice requirements relating to cell towers in effect prior to February 1, 2009. Because of the Commission's stated intention to study the subject, the School Board will make use of those previous conditions when making new cell tower placements.

Sincerely,

Carol W. Kurdell, Chair

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