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Re: Letter of Interest: La Plata Cliffs Development

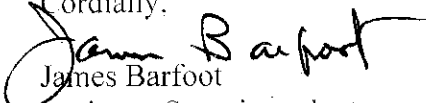
Mr. Neeley:

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of interest from Farmington Municipal Schools. We do appreciate that you have included us in planning discussions related to your project. And we are also appreciative of your generous offer to provide acreage for an elementary school site within your boundaries.

You had asked for a letter from us indicating our interest and we can respond that yes we are interested in all development within the area since it can obviously impact or affect our operations and needs. At some point we may be interested in the school site you have mentioned. However, your party must understand that only the Board of Education by official action in a public meeting may approve the acquisition of real property.

And there is no guarantee that we may need an elementary site anytime soon. Our enrollment fell from almost 10,700 in 1996 to a little over 9,800 by 2003, forcing us to actually close a school (Swinburne Elementary) and to NOT build a new elementary school to the east on Crouch Mesa. Only now are we seeing slight growth in our elementary populations and we cannot predict at this time which side of town, if at all, we may need a new school. Please keep us informed and we wish you the best of luck.

Cordially,


James Barfoot
Assistant Superintendent

Cc: Janel Ryan, Superintendent of Schools