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**AGENDA #3(a)2
ATTACHMENT 1**

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Board Chair

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Kevin Foy, Mayor and
Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council
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Dear Mayor Foy and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council,

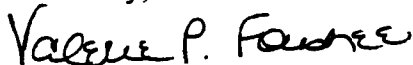
We, recently, learned that the Town Council held a concept plan review meeting on March 17, 2003 to discuss the potential development of the Gary Buck property on Eubanks Road. As you may know, the Board of Education requested and the Town Council approved this property to be identified as a future school site on the Town's Land Use Plan. You may have been given erroneous information at the review meeting indicating that the Board of Education had released this site. It did release adjoining sites, but not the Buck property. The Town Manager has confirmed that this is the case.

Unfortunately, we have learned from the Town staff that, since Mr. Buck is planning to build an apartment complex on this site, our reservation does not apply. The reservation applies only to the potential subdivision of a site. Consequently, we are faced with the possibility of losing another potential school site.

As the chair of the Board of Education, I am filing this petition requesting that you consider the need for future school sites as you review the proposal for this apartment complex. In order for the project to be approved, you must re-zone the property and award a special use permit. Therefore, you have considerable influence over how this property will be developed.

Mr. Buck is aware that this site was identified as a potential school site and has indicated previously that he had no interest in selling this property to the Board of Education. We would like to have the opportunity to work with the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the owner to acquire this site and hold it for a future educational purpose. Any advice or assistance that you could provide would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Valerie Foushee, Chair