

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**December 19, 2013**

**OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS**

B. Approval of a new school site for the Holly Springs School District

Pursuant to Section 37-7-315, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the Holly Springs School District requests approval of a site for the construction of a new Intermediate School (fourth through sixth grade with an enrollment of approximately 320 students) located on approximately 25.93 acres on the southern end of South Maury Street, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

## EVALUATION OF PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL SITE

Regardless of the source of funds, new school facilities shall not be constructed on any new site until the site has been submitted to and approved by the Mississippi Board of Education. School sites will be approved according to the criteria established by the Mississippi Board of Education.

One of the most important steps in the new building program is the selection of an adequate site. The site should be convenient to streets and roads and should be planned so as to avoid traffic hazards. It is recommended that an elementary school should have 5 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. A high school site should have at least 15 acres of land with one additional acre for each 100 students enrolled. The following minimum requirements must be met or exceptions noted and approved:

1. The site serves an area with enough children (present and future) to warrant its existence as a school center. Yes
2. The site is located in a reasonable proximity to the present and future school population.-  
Yes
3. The site environment is free of the odors, dust, dirt, noise and smoke that are usually associated with factories, stockyards, railroads, mills, agricultural chemical aerial spraying, etc. The site is free of hazardous waste.- Yes
4. Public utilities such as electric power, water, sewerage, telephone, fire protection and gas service are available to the site.- Yes
5. The size of the site is sufficient to provide adequately for the educational program of both the present and the anticipated future.- Yes
6. The site grounds are at sufficient elevation to prevent flooding or standing water.-Yes
7. The sub-soil conditions are such that foundations, footings, athletic fields and lagoons can be built.- Yes
8. The site can be purchased at a fair market price. Copies of two certified appraisals of the land must be attached whenever the purchase price is greater than \$50,000.00. Please refer to MS Code 1972, Annotated, 37-7-301(aa). -Yes
9. A survey plat of the property is provided with this application.- Yes
10. The proposed new school site is plotted on the school district map and is provided with this application. Yes
11. The site is accessible by both vehicles and pedestrians. - Yes

*An electronic version of this form is available at  
[http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/healthy\\_school\\_environment/buildinggrounds.htm](http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/healthy_school_environment/buildinggrounds.htm).*

*Exceptions to the above minimum requirements must be noted and explained in detail.*

**Additional information for proposed new school site:**

1. Physical location of the proposed site At the south end of South Maury Street  
Holly Springs, MS
2. Grades to be housed/served 4<sup>th</sup>, 5th, and 6th
3. Student enrollment count 320
4. Is the proposed new site located on 16<sup>th</sup> section land owned by the school district?  
 Yes       No

If yes, how many acres are available? \_\_\_\_\_ Acres

If no, please describe the financing of the site purchase or explain how the land was acquired and the number of acres available for the proposed school site.  
(attach documentation)

The City of Holly Springs has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Holly Springs School District to provide the land at no cost, Provide a road to the property in exchange for use of the current Intermediate school once the new Intermediate School is completed.

The plot of land is 25.93 acres and is adjacent to our current Primary School

**5. Will the school district have fee simple title?**

X- Yes       No

**6. Is there organized opposition to the proposed site based on, but not limited to, the location of the school, acquisition of the land, safety issues, and/or community concerns?**

X-Yes       No

If yes, please explain.

Some in the community have questioned the location of the new school for the following reasons:

1. They wanted the school in a more prominent location, such as along Highway 78
2. There have been some concerns that the school is "in a hole" due to the elevation.

**7. Please provide justification of the need for the proposed school site.**

The Holly Springs School District desires to but the new Intermediate School on the southern end of South Maury Street for the following reasons:

1. The site/land has been given to the district at no out of pocket cost to the district.
2. The site/land is adjacent to our current Primary School which allows the district to better utilize personnel and facilities.
3. The site/land is at the end of a dead end street, thus the traffic is significantly less than at our current Intermediate School.
4. The site makes it easier to control access to the campus which in turn improves the safety of our students.
5. Our current Intermediate School is composed of five separate buildings that were built from 1952-1969. The cost to bring all the buildings up to the standards of a modern school is equal to the cost of constructing a new school

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the President of the Board of Education/Trustees and the Superintendent of the

Holly Springs School District hereby certify to the Mississippi Board of

Education that this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site for the construction of

Holly Springs Intermediate School location at South Maury St. Holly Springs, MS  
(street or rural route, city)

meets the minimum requirements previously stated or exceptions have been properly

noted. Further, this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site has been duly adopted and

approved by the Board of Education/Trustees of the Holly Springs

School District as evidenced by action taken by the Board of Education/Trustees of the

Holly Springs School District at an official board meeting held on the

10th Day of September, 2013.

President

Margaret Delashmit (Print)  
Margaret Delashmit (Sign)  
9/12/13 (Date)

Superintendent

I. Gene Walton Jr. (Print)  
I. Gene Walton Jr. (Sign)  
9/10/13 (Date)

School Board Attorney

T. M. Freeland, Jr. (Print)  
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9/10/13 (Date)

Sarah Ivory

Notary Public

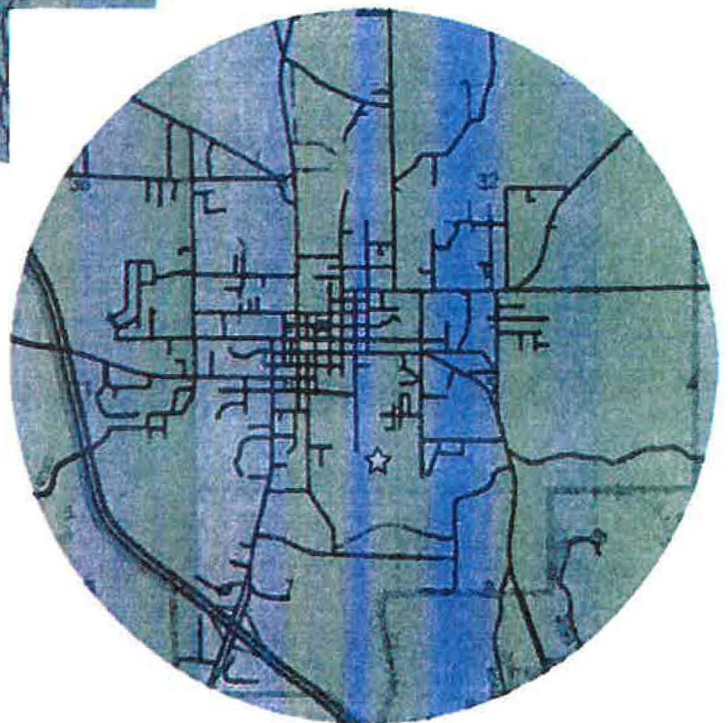
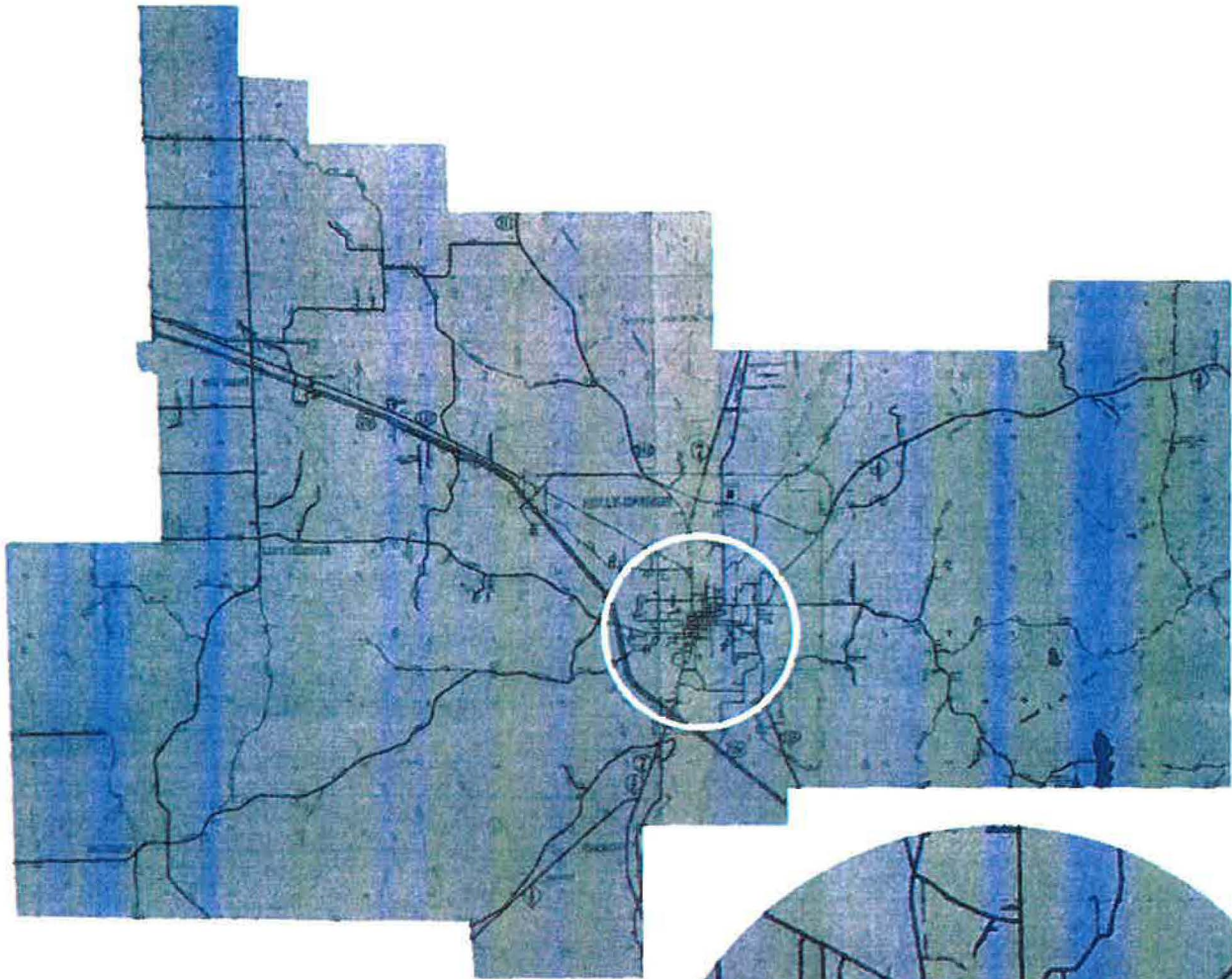
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this

the 12th day of September, 2013.

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# Holly Springs Intermediate School Proposed Location



**Bill Welch**

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**From:** adam andrews <aandrews@hssd.k12.ms.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2013 11:17 AM  
**To:** Bill Welch  
**Subject:** Holly Springs  
**Attachments:** Propsed site of New Intermediate School.pdf

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the site of the new Intermediate school can be found on the PDF below

The address exact address is not known since it is located on a dead end street.  
the last address on the street is the Holly Springs Primary School located at  
405 South Maury St  
Holly Springs,MS 38635

the proposed school site is less than one mile from the Jr. High and High School  
and less than two miles from the Central Office

Adam F. Andrews  
Executive Director of Operations  
840 Highway 178 East  
Holly Springs, MS 38635

§37-7-315. Designation of school buildings and attendance centers

In creating school districts under the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, it shall not be necessary that the school board, in the order creating such districts, specify or designate the location of the school houses or attendance centers therein, and existing school buildings shall be retained as places of attendance until changed in the manner hereinafter set forth. Where any existing facilities or buildings shall not be used as attendance centers, the school board may utilize such facilities and buildings in connection with any related school activity which said school board may deem advisable.

The school board of any school district shall have the power and authority to designate the locations for school buildings and attendance centers in the school district subject to its jurisdiction and to change, alter or abolish the location of such school buildings and attendance centers from time to time as may be required by the educational needs of such school district. Where students from three (3) or more school districts are in attendance at one (1) attendance center by order of the respective school boards of the school districts, the use of the attendance center shall not be changed, altered or abolished except upon order of a majority of each of the school boards of the school districts from which pupils have been in attendance at the attendance center for the scholastic year; any acts, decisions, orders or resolutions by the school board of any such school district in conflict with this provision shall be null and void. If any change or alteration of the location of a school building or attendance center shall involve the construction of new school facilities, or the making of additions to, or the major repair, alteration or renovation of existing facilities, then such change or alteration shall not be effective until same shall have been submitted to and approved by the State Board of Education. There may be located and established in any school district as many school buildings and attendance centers as the educational needs of such district shall require. The school board of the school district shall have the power and authority to specify the attendance areas which shall be served by each school building or attendance center, and to change or alter same from time to time as necessity requires.

**Sources:** Codes, 1942, § 6328-05; Laws, 1953, Ex Sess, ch. 12, § 5; Laws, 1960, ch. 303; Laws, 1986, ch. 492, § 15, eff from and after July 1, 1987.