

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
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October 11, 2019

MS Department of Education
Safe and Orderly Schools
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS 39205-0771

Re: New Kindergarten through Eighth Grade School

Dear Sir/Madam:

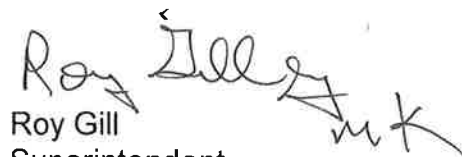
Please find enclosed the forms completed for the construction of a new middle school on the east side of the Harrison County School District, more specifically located at 16121 Highway 15, Biloxi, MS 39532.

The school will have utility services provided by the City of D'Iberville, Coast Electric Power Association, and Harrison County Fire Service.

The voters in the Harrison County School District passed a Bond Issue to cover the cost of the project. The new school will relieve overcrowding at River Oaks Elementary, D'Iberville Elementary, D'Iberville Middle, Woolmarket Elementary, and North Woolmarket School.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


Roy Gill
Superintendent

Enclosures: Evaluation of Proposed New School Site Form
Platted drawing of property
School district map – charted location
Appraisals

§ 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.

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.
2. The site is located in a reasonable proximity to the present and future school population.
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.
4. Public utilities such as electric power, water, sewerage, telephone, fire protection and gas service are available to the site.
5. The size of the site is sufficient to provide adequately for the educational program of both the present and the anticipated future.
6. The site grounds are at sufficient elevation to prevent flooding or standing water.
7. The sub-soil conditions are such that foundations, footings, athletic fields and lagoons can be built.
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).
9. A survey plat of the property is provided with this application.
10. The proposed new school site is plotted on the school district map and is provided with this application.
11. The site is accessible by both vehicles and pedestrians.

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

None Known

Additional information for proposed new school site:

1. **Physical location of the proposed site** 16121 Highway 15, Biloxi, MS 39532

2. **Grades to be housed/served** kindergarten through 8th grades

3. **Student enrollment count** 750

4. **Is the proposed new site located on 16th section land owned by the school district?**
 Yes No

If yes, how many acres are available? 39.3 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)

5. Will the school district have fee simple title?

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?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

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

A new school to serve kindergarten through eighth grade would relieve overcrowding at River Oaks Elem., D'Iberville Elem., D'Iberville Middle School, Woolmarket Elem., and North Woolmarket K-8th. This would also accomodate impending growth in our area. A bond issue was passed by the voters in the Harrison Co. School District to cover the cost of the project.

CERTIFICATION

We, the President of the Board of Education/Trustees and the Superintendent of the **Harrison County School District** hereby certify to the Mississippi Board of Education that this Evaluation of Proposed New School Site for the construction of **New K-8th Grade School (un-named at this time) located at Highway 15, Biloxi, MS 39532**, 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 **Harrison County School District** as evidenced by action taken by the Board of Education/Trustees of the **Harrison County School District** at an official board meeting held on the **15th** day of **April 2019**.

President

Superintendent

David Ladner (Print)

Roy Gill (Print)

David Ladner (Sign)

Roy Gill (Sign)

4-15-19 (Date)

4-15-19 (Date)

School Board Attorney

Albert Necaise (Print)

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4/15/19 (Date)

Jodi L. Tronclair

Notary Public

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 15 day of April, 2019.



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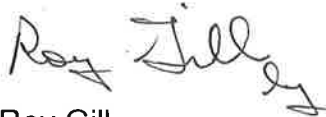

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The voters in the Harrison County School District passed a Bond Issue to cover the cost of the project. The new school will relieve overcrowding at West Wortham and reduce the number of middle school students at the North Gulfport campus.

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3. Student enrollment count 700

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N/A

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

A new middle school on the west side of the county would relieve over-crowding at West Wortham, and reduce the number of middle-school students at North Gulfport. Currently the middle school students completing 8th grade at North Gulfport and West Wortham are divided entering 9th grade with some attending Harrison Central and some attending West Harrison. This will create a unified middle school to create a culture of ownership for West Harrison High. A bond issue was passed by the voters in the Harrison County School District to cover the cost of the project.

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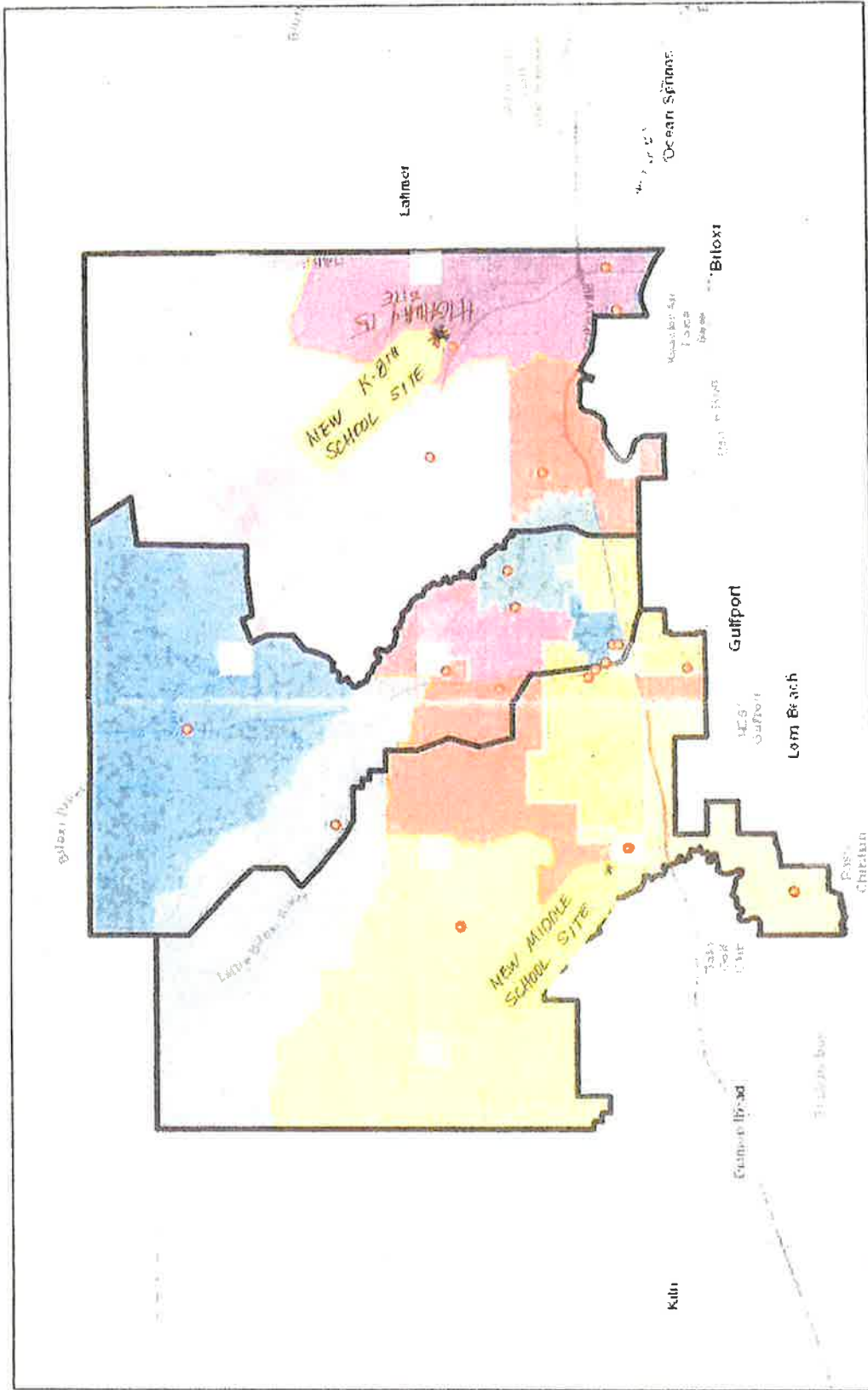
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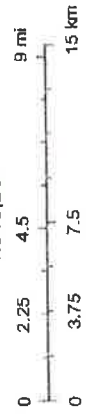
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January 23, 2019