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August 1, 2006

Mr. Fritz Behring
Clay County Manager
P.O. Box 1366
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Dear Mr. Behring:

While at a County Commission meeting on July 19, 2006, it was suggested that an expanded partnership be explored for increased community playground use on school property.

Four schools; Ridgeview Elementary, S. Bryan Jennings Elementary, Doctors Inlet Elementary and W. E. Cherry Elementary were mentioned as a possible location for a pilot. I have discussed this with each Principal and all are open for consideration.

It was mentioned that the County would provide additional playground equipment while acknowledging that school use would have the higher priority.

There are additional issues that would need resolution which can be worked out in an agreement if this is to be pursued. These issues include: maintenance, vandalism, insurance protection, location, access, etc. These can all be worked out. The School District has always had an open policy and strives to serve the community at large.

If you wish to pursue this further, please contact Mr. Bruce Harvin, Coordinator of Operations at 284-6524, who will serve as the School District contact on this venture.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".

Michael J. Elliott
Assistant Superintendent of Support Services

MJE/prs (Behring Letter)

cc: David Owens, Superintendent of Schools
George Copeland, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs
Tom Smith, Director of Maintenance and Operations
Bruce Harvin, Coordinator of Operations
Bruce Bickner, School Board Attorney

Elliott, Mike

From: Elliott, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:37 AM
To: Miller, Anne - DIS
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

That didn't take long. Thanks for your quick response. Let me see if anybody else is interested. Once concluded, I will contact the county and have them finalize. I'll keep you advised of the status.

Thanks again

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Anne - DIS
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:27 AM
To: Elliott, Mike
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Mike,
I would love to pilot the playground program. Please let me know if there is anything I need to complete.
Anne

From: Elliott, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 7:22 AM
To: Oliver, Lee; Whiddon, Angela; Miller, Anne - DIS; Nix, David
Cc: Smith, Tom
Subject: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

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Your four schools were identified as locations that would serve community needs. The County has funding that they can expend on school sites for playground equipment. We would have to develop an Interlocal Agreement and they accept that school use would be the first priority. They are seeking one location to pilot. The playground would be open to the public during non-school hours.

I am seeking if any of you would be interested in piloting a joint-use playground. It could be an extension of your existing or an entirely new area. The way it sounded, the County is willing to provide a well equipped playground.

Let me know if you have any interest at your earliest opportunity.

Michael J. Elliott
Assistant Superintendent of Support Services

7/26/2006

Elliott, Mike

From: Elliott, Mike
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:00 AM
To: Whiddon, Angela
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Thank you for your quick response. I'll put you on the list. Once all schools have responded, I'll talk to the county. We will see where they want to go. I'll keep you in the loop.

Thanks again

Mike

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From: Whiddon, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 8:49 AM
To: Elliott, Mike
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

WEC would love to serve as a pilot school for this program. It would be beneficial to our neighborhood children.

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Elliott, Mike

From: Elliott, Mike
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:57 PM
To: Oliver, Lee
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Thank you for your response. Lot of issues yet to resolve. I'll put you on the list. Once all schools have responded, I'll talk to the county. We will see where they want to go. I'll keep you in the loop.

Thank again

Mike

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From: Oliver, Lee
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 2:37 PM
To: Elliott, Mike
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Hi Mike,
I would be interested in the playground. I hope it doesn't attract more vandalism!

Lee Oliver
Principal
S. Bryan Jennings Elementary

From: Elliott, Mike
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7/28/2006

Elliott, Mike

From: Elliott, Mike
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 1:40 PM
To: Nix, David
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Thanks for your response. I will not take you off the list as of yet. Let me talk more with the county and we will see what the results are. The final choice will be up to the county. We will see if we can come up with an agreement satisfactory to everybody. I'll keep you in the loop.

Mike

-----Original Message-----

From: Nix, David
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2006 10:42 AM
To: Elliott, Mike
Subject: RE: JOINT-USE PLAYGROUNDS

Mike- I have debated with myself about this. I like the idea of creating more recreation for Clay County and for the school. I don't like the idea of putting more unsupervised people on the school grounds. I'd be willing to pursue the idea and discussing it more before committing to it. David

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