

RECOMMENDATION

We have the following comments that are critical to CMS' support of this petition:

Adequacy of existing school capacity in this area is a significant problem. We are particularly concerned about rezoning cases where school utilization exceeds 100% since the proposed development will exacerbate this situation. Approval of this petition will increase overcrowding and/or reliance upon mobile classrooms at the schools listed below.

The total estimated capital cost of providing the additional school capacity for this new development is \$718,000 calculated as follows:

Elementary School: **18**x \$20,000 = \$360,000

Middle School: **5**x \$23,000 = \$115,000

High School: **9** x \$27,000 = \$243,000

CMS recommends the petitioner schedule a meeting with staff to discuss any opportunities that the petitioner/developer may propose to improve the adequacy of school capacity in the immediate area of the proposed development.

TOTAL IMPACT FROM PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Housing Units: 88 town home units under CC-SPA; B-2 (CD)-SPA; B-2 (CD) and CC

CMS Planning Area: 16

Average Student Yield per Unit: 0.3685

This development will add approximately 32 students to the schools in this area.

The following data is as of 20th Day of the 2006-07 school year.

<i>Schools Affected</i>	<i>Capacity Without Mobiles</i>	<i>20th Day, 2007-08 Enrollment (non-ec)</i>	<i>Additional Students As a result of this development</i>	<i>Total Enrollment As a result of this development</i>	<i>20th Day, 2007-08 Utilization (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>Utilization As a result of this development (Without Mobiles)</i>	<i>Number of Mobiles</i>
Pawtucket ES	240	607	18	625	253%	260%	14
Coulwood MS	760	1105	5	1110	145%	146%	24
West Mecklenburg HS	2000	2079	9	2088	104%	104%	9

* The data shows the impact on Pawtucket ES for 2007-08 is not applicable for 2008-09. The elementary school assignment for the proposed development for 2008-09 school year is Whitewater Academy ES.

INCREMENTAL IMPACT FROM PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT*

Existing number of housing units allowed: 81 town home units under CC and B-2 (CD) zoning

Number of students potentially generated under current zoning: 30 students (17 elementary, 5 middle, 8 high school)

The development allowed under existing zoning would generate 30 students, while the development allowed under the proposed zoning will produce 32 students. Therefore, the net change in the number of students generated from existing zoning to proposed zoning is 2.

As requested, we are also providing information regarding the difference in the number of potential students from the existing zoning to the proposed zoning. Please note that this method of determining potential numbers of students from an area underestimates the number of students CMS may gain from the new development.