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Dear Mr. Vergnolle:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding The School District of Greenville County's general assignment policy and the potential impact that the proposed development of the "Earle property" on schools serving that geographical area.

Each year recommendations for school assignments are made to the school board by the administration. The administration considers numerous factors in the process of formulating its recommendations for student assignment. This is especially true whenever changes in assignments are being proposed. Extensive consideration is given to racial ratios, distance traveled, capacity of school, and stability. Every attempt is made to assign each student to the closest school given the constraints imposed on school assignments. In the interest of stability a conscious effort is made not to upset well established attendance patterns. However, this is not always possible to achieve.

The Board of Trustees make the final decision regarding assignments of students. Therefore, any recommendation made by the administrative staff is subject to review and change by the board.

I have attempted to assess the impact of your proposed project on the schools serving the general area of the property in question. Currently, the property for which the development is planned is located in the attendance area of each of the following schools: Greenville High School, Hughes Middle School, and Augusta Circle Elementary School. According to the projected number of school age students this development will generate, its impact would be favorable on both the middle school and high school. However, if the elementary students from this area were assigned to Augusta Circle, it would further aggravate the overcrowded situation which already exists at the school. It is highly probable that underutilized elementary schools in close proximity of the proposed development would be considered as the most logical school to which these students should be assigned.

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