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At the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, the Board of Education voted 6 to 5 not to extend the option on the McLeansville property in the Eastern school district. Guilford County Schools will continue to search for property in the Southeast area. The new property should be centrally located in the Southeast district to support growth up near the interstate as well as growth south of the High School.

Several properties up near the interstate or even further north have been considered by Guilford County schools. These properties are in the northern part of the Southeast district or just outside of the district. However, these properties will limit redistricting options to support growth in our area. It is my contention that the school should be located further south of the interstate to support growth throughout our district and assure Alamance elementary is downsized to approximately 500 students. Residents and parents should continue to communicate with the Board of Education that the school should be **CENTRALLY** located in the Southeast district and request Guilford County Schools to expand their search further south of the interstate.

It is also imperative that we continue to communicate our need to prompt Guilford County Schools to do everything possible to locate property as quickly as possible for the New Southeast Elementary in the Southeast district.

Board of Education members that supported our efforts were Paul Daniels our District 5 Representative, Darlene Garrett, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster, Amos Quick, and Dr. Sandra Alexander.

Paul Daniels our District 5 Representative was instrumental in garnering votes. You can find contact information for all of the Board of Education members at <http://www.guilford.k12.nc.us/boe/members.htm>. Let them know how much we appreciate their support and how important it is that a central location is located as quickly as possible.

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One hurdle has been cleared, however we must continue our efforts to encourage GCS to find the right property as quickly as possible. Hopefully in the very near future our children will have the opportunity to learn in an educational environment that is warm, inviting and conducive to learning! Please communicate our needs to GCS!

Thanks for your continued support,  
Linda Welborn  
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