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**RE: ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORMER FLEETWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY**

I am writing to present to you the opportunity for the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to acquire from the Ashe County Board of Education, pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-518, the former Fleetwood Elementary School property. The Board of Education has determined that this property is no longer suitable or necessary for public school purposes; therefore, the Board of Commissioners has the first opportunity to acquire this property from the Board of Education.

This property is presently leased to the Greater Fleetwood Preservation Organization. The governing board of the Greater Fleetwood Preservation Organization has agreed for this lease to be terminated immediately. It is the intent of the Board of Education to offer this property for sale pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-269, should the Board of Commissioners elect not to acquire the property. The Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Department has indicated it desire to acquire this property for the location of its fire station.

I respectfully request on behalf of the Board of Education that you present this matter to the Board of Commissioners to determine whether or not it desires to exercise its statutory authority to acquire ownership of the Fleetwood Elementary School property. I shall gladly furnish any additional information you deem necessary in order for the Board of Commissioners to take action upon this request.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Yates
Superintendent

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