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Golden LEAF Foundation

The Madison County Schools Board of Education (BOE) has been made aware of and does approve the project by Madison County Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) to expand the existing Construction Trades Programs. We do support the addition of three new curriculum areas—electrical, HVAC, and plumbing—for the district's CTE Construction Trades Programs. These will be added to the existing programs in architectural drafting, carpentry, core construction, and masonry. The project is designed to improve high school students' employability with in-depth training in technical skills and hands-on experience.

This project will also include the building and selling of a house on district-owned land on Walnut Creek Road in Marshall, NC. The house will not be built in a subdivision but will be developed with an access road and infrastructure. The driveway will connect with Walnut Creek Road and utilities should be accessible directly from the house site.

Before advertising the home to the general public, the district plans to advertise the home to its teachers and other certified employees at an affordable price. While the district will not subsidize the price directly, the price will reflect the costs associated with constructing the home and the costs needed to begin the construction of the next home. Advertising the sale of the home to only employees allows the district to avoid the use of a realtor, which assists in keeping the price lower. The district will create and implement a plan to prevent teachers from out-bidding one another; for example, the district will sell the home to the first person to offer the asking price.

State law requires that any proceeds from the sale of a CTE project, including the sale of a home built by CTE students, must be reinvested back into the district's CTE program and the Board intends to reinvest any funds received from the sale of the home back into the building and trades program, particularly to allow the program to build another home. Reinvesting the funds back into the program allows the program to continue growing and offering additional opportunities to more students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Will Hoffman