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Mr. Steve Shultz c/o Mesa County Valley School District 51 2115 Grand Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Steve.

I write to confirm our recent conversation regarding the City and District property north of Patterson Road at 28½. As you know the District owns approximately 15 acres on the south and west sides of the City property. As we discussed, the City staff has recently begun to design an extension of 28½ Road from its current dead end to a connection at Hawthorne. As we began that work it became obvious to us that we needed to contact you and re-visit and confirm some of the understandings that our organizations informally put in place in the late 90's regarding future development opportunities.

Specifically regarding 28 ¼ Road I have attached a sketch that shows the extension. We see no significant impact to your property but we wanted you to be aware of the plans. We would welcome your agreement and support prior to construction. If the construction occurs it will be at no cost to the District. If you have any concerns please let me know.

Also as we discussed, when the City and the District purchased their respective parcels there was an agreement made for joint planning and possible development of joint facilities; to my knowledge that agreement has remained in effect but I cannot find a written record of it. In the spirit of that agreement and in order to update it as need be please consider the following as a statement of our understanding regarding the property and the development of the same:

- 1. The City and the School District will make every reasonable attempt to treat their properties as one parcel and jointly master plan school and park development.
- 2. Within this spirit of cooperation the School District and the City intend to make every attempt to maximize resources by exploring shred elements in any planning. Examples include but are not limited to, path(s), trail(s), roads, parking lots, over sizing of gym(s) or other recreation facilities and playground(s) and collaborating on the location of the same, designing/placing restrooms for public accessibility, designing play fields for optimum use, designing/providing public meeting spaces etc.
- The City and the School District agree that the District's property may for planning purposes "float" on the site until a final plan is developed and approved by the School Board and the City Council.

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- 4. The School District and the City will explore and cooperate on planning, infrastructure design and construction and financing as possible and practical.
- 5. The City and the School District will endeavor to continue the long standing tradition of site maintenance in exchange for building maintenance.
- 6. These statements are not all inclusive of the intentions of the District and the City and as such may be amended by the District and the City if amendment enhances governmental efficiencies and/or improves educational and recreational opportunities and/or contributes to or serves to enhance our quality of life.

I understand that you will be meeting with the Board of Education in early June and that this property will be discussed at that time. If you need anything else before that meeting or if I may otherwise be of assistance to you, please let me know.

Once reviewed and approved by the Board I would appreciate your countersigning and returning a signed copy of this letter to me. We value our long and strong relationship with you and the District and look forward to working on this project in the future.

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