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Kari Parsons, Project Manager
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Re: Abert Ranch/Settlers View – Rezone
File Number: P-17-005

Dear Ms. Parsons:

At their regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2017, the Lewis-Palmer Board of Education voted to take no formal action to oppose the rezoning of the Abert Ranch/Settlers View Subdivision. This 40.61 acre property – located east of Highway 83, south of Walker Road, west of Stepler Road, and at the south end of Silver Nell Drive – is proposed to be rezoned from RR-5 to RR-2.5 to allow for additional homes.

However, the Board of Education does wish to inform the El Paso County Planning Commission of the following:

Lewis-Palmer School District is nearing capacity at all schools in the district for grades K-8. The Ray Kilmer Elementary School, which will house the students from this subdivision, is projected to exceed its program capacity in the new few years. Lewis-Palmer Middle School is currently at its program capacity.

The school district is in the process of planning additional schools. As you know, such planning will result in a ballot issue, which must pass to allow for relief. Whereas the Board of Education's role is to ensure all students in Lewis-Palmer School District receive a quality education, we must advise the Planning Commission that continued housing growth without additional schools will ultimately impact the quality education Lewis-Palmer School District is known for.

Sincerely,

Karen Brofft
Superintendent