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January 23, 2012

Mr. Randy S. Wingfield
Planning Director
Town of Christiansburg
100 East Main Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029

Re: Conditional Use Permit request by Mega Builders, LLC, dated December 20, 2011, for a Multi-Family Development at Farmview Road, Christiansburg

Dear Mr. Wingfield:

I am writing in response to your email dated January 23, 2012, regarding the subject application.

This property is in the Christiansburg Strand. Children from homes in this area attend Christiansburg Primary School, Christiansburg Elementary School, Christiansburg Middle School, and Christiansburg High School. Christiansburg Primary School has a capacity of 440 students and a current enrollment of 419. Christiansburg Elementary School has a capacity of 380 students and a current enrollment of 424. Christiansburg Middle School has a capacity of 1,200 students and a current enrollment of 828. Christiansburg High School has a theoretical capacity of 1,216 students and a current enrollment of 1,112. Our planning consultant advises us that on average across the country, new family dwelling units have the potential to add .6 children each to the school system. Three hundred thirty units in this development could potentially add 198 students to our school system, or approximately 15 students in every grade level. This potential number of additional students could further impact the elementary school and high school facilities, which are using numerous mobile classrooms. Additional teachers could also eventually be needed to accommodate the enrollment growth. Please consider the impact of this development in conjunction with other recent rezoning requests that potentially add students to the schools.

If the conditional use permit is approved, please ensure that any new public roads servicing this development can accommodate large school busses.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

Sincerely,

Daniel A. Berenato
Director

cc: Walt Shannon