



Item Number & Subject: 2017-033 Resolution Supporting Middle and High Schools in Morrisville

Briefing Sheet

Version: 1

Lead Department: Admin **Action Officer:** Erin L. Hudson, Town Clerk

Subject: Resolution Supporting the Location of Middle and High Schools in Morrisville

Briefing: 2/28/17 **Public Hearing:** None **Action:** 2/28/17

Item Schedule	Select One
Schedule 1: Brief twice – vote once (six weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schedule 2: Brief once – vote once (two weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schedule 3: No briefing required (one week)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Updates/History of Briefing:

NOT APPLICABLE

Executive Summary, Background Information, Related Briefing Items:

Town staff was contacted by a member of the public and asked to provide a resolution or letter of support for schools to be located within Morrisville. Town Council discussed this request at its February 14 Roundtable and staff has drafted a resolution of support for consideration.

The Town of Morrisville has experienced significant population growth in the last ten years with 36% of that growth seen in the 20 and under age group (*Statistic courtesy of UNC Carolina Population Center, 2017*). It is home to two public elementary schools, and one charter school, offering kindergarten through eighth grade education. No middle or high schools are located in Morrisville.

Morrisville has proven to be a desirable location for families to live and work, but is only able to offer limited primary education opportunities at this time. After elementary school, families must find education options outside of Morrisville for their children, separating the connections they have made with elementary friends, creating transportation challenges and possible challenges to find placement outside of their neighborhood or school district.

Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) estimates that 2,000 new students join its system each year. With populations continuing to expand, there remains an ongoing need to find suitable school placement sites in the areas that are seeing the most expansion, more specifically, Morrisville and northwest Wake County. WCPSS has identified a site in Morrisville, labeled E-50 and named Parkside Elementary School, to be suitable for elementary school placement, which will satisfy a challenge currently faced with two elementary schools at maximum capacity.

This resolution reinforces Town Council’s position and ongoing advocacy for the location of schools within the Town of Morrisville. Upon approval, the resolution will be available for dissemination to constiuent groups as desired.

Potential Options:

- Approve the recommended draft resolution of support
- Amend the draft resolution of support and recommend approval
- Do not recommend approval of the draft resolution of support

Attachments:

- N/A

Link to Previous Briefings (if applicable):

- None

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the draft resolution of support.

Advisory Board/Committee Review:

NONE

Advisory Board/Committee Meeting Date and Minutes:

NOT APPLICABLE

Advisory Board/Committee Recommendation and/or vote:

NOT APPLICABLE

Meeting Perspectives and Goals Adopted by the Council:

Perspectives	Goals
Serve the Community	<input type="checkbox"/> Promote an Environmentally Sensitive & Livable Community <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a Safe Community <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deliver Quality Services <input type="checkbox"/> Foster a Healthy Community
Run the Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Community Preparedness & Responsiveness <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Partnership Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Courteous & Responsive Customer Service <input type="checkbox"/> Model a Positive Town Image <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Efficient Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultivate Community Involvement & Access
Manage the Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Fiscal Strength <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize Utilization & Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Invest in Infrastructure & Transportation
Develop Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop a Skilled & Diverse Workforce <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Positive & Rewarding Work Culture

Resource Impact:

Staff time required if item is approved: No Additional

Other Potential Impacts:

NONE APPLICABLE

Staff Coordination:

Check the box for those required to comment on left. To comment-click in the box and select.
(Update is used when information has significantly changed from the first briefing.)

Required	Staff Member	Briefing	Update
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Town Manager	Reviewed	No Comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assistant Town Manager	Reviewed	No Comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Town Clerk	Originator	No Comment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Information Officer	Reviewed	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Attorney	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget Manager	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance Director	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Works Director	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Director	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Engineer	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Recreation Director	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police Chief	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Technology Director	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Director Special Projects	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Codes Administrator	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources Manager	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract and Purchasing Manager	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Controller	No Comment	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Risk Manager/Safety Officer	No Comment	No Comment

Disagree or comment, explain:

Public Information Plan:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing (Required by GS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing (Not Required by GS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper Notice (Required by GS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper Notice (Not Required by GS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Forum/Input Session	<input type="checkbox"/>	Press Release
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morrisville Connection	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-News Distribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website Notice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Banners Posted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flyers Posted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Survey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automated Phone Call	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None Required

Other:



RESOLUTION 2017-033 OF THE MORRISVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE LOCATION OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN MORRISVILLE

WHEREAS, The Town of Morrisville has experienced significant population growth in the last ten years with 36% of that growth seen in the 20 and under age group (*Statistic courtesy of UNC Carolina Population Center, 2017*); and

WHEREAS, The safety and well-being of our children is of utmost priority. To provide them with the brightest future, children need access to quality education; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Morrisville is home to two public elementary schools, and one charter school, offering kindergarten through eighth grade education. No middle or high schools are located in Morrisville; and

WHEREAS, Morrisville has proven to be a desirable location for families to live and work, but is only able to offer limited primary education opportunities at this time. After elementary school, families must find education options outside of Morrisville for their children, separating the connections they have made with elementary friends, creating transportation challenges and possible challenges to find placement outside of their neighborhood or school district; and

WHEREAS, Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) estimates that 2,000 new students join its system each year. With populations continuing to expand, there remains an ongoing need to find suitable school placement sites in the areas that are seeing the most expansion, more specifically, Morrisville and northwest Wake County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MORRISVILLE TOWN COUNCIL hereby supports the identification and placement of additional high quality school facilities within the Town of Morrisville to provide the best and brightest futures for our children.

Adopted this the 28th day of February, 2017.

ATTEST:

Mark Stohlman, Mayor

Erin L. Hudson, Town Clerk