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Board of Education

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Mr. William Murphy, Mayor
Village of Woodridge
Five Plaza Drive
Woodridge, IL 60517

Dear Mayor Murphy:


I want to acknowledge receipt of your September 14 letter offering to purchase District 99's Woodridge site for \$10 million. The Village's offer was discussed by the Board of Education at its September 18 meeting.

The Board of Education's position has been and continues to be that the Woodridge property is not for sale. In recent years there have been several considerations for the use of the property by the school district. In fact, the Board of Education passed the enclosed resolution at its August 15, 2005 meeting affirming that the property is needed for school purposes. The Board cannot accept an offer for something that is not for sale.

The Board shares your concern for our respective taxpayers over the cost of the pending litigation. However, it is the Village of Woodridge that initiated the suit for eminent domain, and it would be irresponsible for the school board to not defend the District. If the Village was truly interested in avoiding future legal costs, the Village should withdraw its lawsuit.

Your understanding of the Board of Education's position is appreciated.

Respectfully,


Julia Kennedy Beckman
President

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