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Letter from the Mayor: Update on BVSD School at Flatiron Meadows

It's been only a few days since my last letter but as public interest on this topic remains understandably high I thought a brief update is warranted.

The Town, Hines Development and Anadarko met with the Boulder Valley School District yesterday to continue to discuss options so that the new K-8 school site at Flatiron Meadows gets built. And today I am even more confident that it will be built. Here's why: #1- Voters spoke in 2014 and approved the ballot issue that specifically called for the construction of the K-8 school in Erie; #2 - The school district issued the bonds for the school in April of last year; and #3 – the Town, developer and the oil & gas operator continue to help identify solutions to help the District stay on course to construct the building where and when they want and remain in compliance with state and local regulations.

As an example, one “out of the box” solution being considered by the Town is the repurposing a planned park adjacent to the school site. Use of the park might allow BVSD to design and construct the school on schedule and help them meet their unique site requirements. Perhaps swapping two pieces of the puzzle could be an uncomplicated solution.



I've also learned since Tuesday that conditions in the surface use agreement and regulatory updates for oil & gas setbacks made by the COGCC in 2013 may not negatively impact the timing of construction or location of the school as previously thought.

Ultimately, the decision for where and when BVSD decides to build the school is up to them. They have said that they would like to begin construction at the Flatiron Meadows site this spring. Towards that end, the Town continues to do everything within our authority to help the District get this school built and open in time for classes in 2017.



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I will keep you posted with updates as we learn more from the District.

Sincerely, Mayor Tina Harris

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