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Dave Corliss, City Manager
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Dear Dave and City Commissioners,

As a result of several conversations between city and school district staff, there appears to be some common interest in land sale or exchange that would mutually benefit the city and the school district. Specifically, the school district could be interested in purchasing a portion of the Hallmark land that surrounds the district office if the city buys this property for the law enforcement center. We would plan to consolidate our warehouse and maintenance facility on that site.

The school district would also be interested in exchanging the use of part of the Schwegler Elementary School playground for temporary run-off drainage for the ownership of the playground area at Pinckney. That playground at Pinckney is used by the district as part of a 100-year agreement. Most people think that this playground is already school property. The district may choose to expand the school onto part of this site and/or construct parking and access for the school. The use of the playground at Schwegler for run-off containment would be dependent upon the school's continued use of this area with the ability to visually monitor students.

The district is also interested in exchanging the Holcom site for the acreage that the city owns on Overland Drive in west Lawrence. The district would be interested in partnering with the city in a park-school arrangement like the one that presently exists at Deerfield Elementary School.

Thank you for your consideration. Perhaps this could be a topic of discussion for our joint school district, city and county meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Doll
Superintendent