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June 2, 2023

Mr. Michael Swindle, Superintendent
Hendry County School District
300 West Cowboy Way
LaBelle, Florida 33935

Dear Superintendent Swindle:

In accordance with section [1013.64\(2\)\(a\), Florida Statutes](#), this letter is to inform you that on February 21, 2023, the Special Facility Pre-Application Review Committee found that the new LaBelle High School project meets the criteria for a critical need project. The project review subcommittee convened in Hendry County on February 21, 2023, and voted to advance the project to the Special Facility Construction Committee's annual meeting. The Special Facility Pre-Application Review Committee members representing the Florida Department of Education were David Thayer and Mark Weigly. Committee members representing school districts not eligible to participate in the Special Facility Construction Account Program were Jane Dreger, Sarasota County School District, and Mike Pendley, Manatee County School District.

The Special Facility Construction Committee will review requests submitted from all eligible districts and rank the submissions in priority order. This statewide priority list for special facilities construction will be submitted to the legislature in the commissioner's annual capital outlay legislative budget request. The date of the Special Facility Construction Committee's meeting will be determined after all applications have been evaluated, at which time the attached forms will be due.

If you have further questions, please contact Violet Brown, Office of Educational Facilities, at Violet.Brown@fldoe.org or 850-245-9232.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pridgeon

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Attachments: Not to Exceed Cost Per Student Station Agreement (FORM 6A)
Bid Advertisement Agreement (FORM 7A)
District School Board Resolution (FORM 10A)

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

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cc: Jane Dreger, Director of Construction Services, Sarasota County School District
Mike Pendley, Executive Planner, Manatee County School District
Mark Eggers, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Finance and Operations
David Thayer, Director, Office of Educational Facilities
Mark Weigly, Educational Facilities Construction Planning Manager, Office of Educational Facilities
Violet Brown, Senior Educational Program Director, Office of Educational Facilities