

The "Coalition Against School Closures" (CASC) Appeals to the Lincoln Parish School Board and the Superintendent to consider a resolution to reverse the school board's decision to permanently close two schools, namely, Cypress Springs Elementary (CSE) and Ruston Elementary (RE).

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Parish School Board (LPSB), in its regular meeting February 7, 2023, voted 7- 4 to move forward with a \$65 million capital improvement plan that would expand two lower elementary schools in Ruston to K-5 and shutter two 3-5 upper elementary schools.

WHEREAS the LPSB and the Superintendent are charged with the responsibility to work together in making decisions about a quality public education for all children under their care, with a primary focus on student achievement.

WHEREAS, parents, community representatives, and other stakeholders in the Ruston school district were not included in the planning process, resulting in confusion, distrust, frustration, and other pushbacks from the community at large.

WHEREAS, the LPSB has produced no relevant data, comprehensive research or feasibility study, to support the claims made for a large-scale expansion project and the school closures proposal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the CASC appeals to the LPSB and the Superintendent to reverse their decision to close Cypress Springs Elementary School and Ruston Elementary School, until stakeholder groups in the Ruston school district have been engaged prior to making the final decision and until extensive research, including a cost analysis has been conducted to support all aspects of the proposed project.

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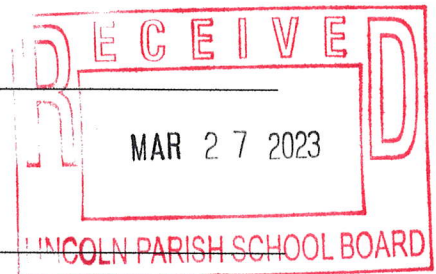
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