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Mr. Ken Cornell  
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
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*By U.S. Mail and E-mail*

**RE: Bus Route Extension**

Dear Commissioner Cornell,

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida has found it in the best interest of the School District to relocate, temporarily, the students and staff of Myra Terwilliger Elementary School to the site location of the new Elementary School "I" campus on Parker Road in Alachua County, Florida. Construction of Elementary School "I" is anticipated to be completed this year and the site open for the 2021-2022 school year. The School Board is considering its options regarding the Terwilliger property and will be obtaining input from the community, including the County, the City of Gainesville and the surrounding cities. A community-wide engagement will launch soon regarding a comprehensive school rezoning.

Due to relocation of the students to Elementary School "I", the School Board respectfully request that RTS Bus Route 75 be extended. If an extension is not available, then the School Board respectfully request that RTS re-configure the bus route(s) in the area of Parker Road so public transportation can be available to our students and their families.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me at (352) 955-7546 or [mcnealy@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:mcnealy@gm.sbac.edu) if you need additional information. Thank you as always for the efforts continuing the partnership between Alachua County Public Schools and Alachua County.

Sincerely,

Leannetta McNealy, Ph.D., Chair  
School Board of Alachua County, Florida

cc: Carlee Simon, Ph.D., Superintendent *(by email only)*  
Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager *(by email only)*