



Currituck County Schools

A Beacon for Excellence in Education

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CURRITUCK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO THE SITING OF A NAVY OUTLAYING LANDING FIELD IN CAMDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Navy and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources have proposed two potential OLF sites with one being located in Camden County, North Carolina to the Governor's Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Study Group on September 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this OLF would be in operation 24 hours a day for 365 days of the year with 40 landings per day and approximately 13,600 landings per year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed flight paths of training aircraft have been identified as being located less than ten miles from three public schools in Currituck County; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has released documentation that states concern over aircraft noise as the primary reason given for proposing the moving of aircraft training from Oceana Airfield in Virginia to a proposed OLF site in Camden County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck County School Board has significant concern over the high decibels of the Super Hornet aircraft, the aircraft noise with its ability to penetrate the school buildings, thereby regularly disrupting the classroom learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck County School Board wishes to maintain a safe and supportive educational experience for all its students and feels the regular manifestation of aircraft noise at disruptive levels would be counterproductive and negatively affect a student's ability to remain mentally focused and/or communicate during classroom activities;

WHEREAS, the Currituck County School Board is concerned that the potential loss of ad valorem taxes to Currituck County will have an adverse effect on the County's ability to fund the school system at a rate to keep up with the growth and the need for new programs and new schools for our children;

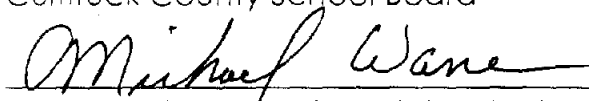
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Currituck County School Board categorically proclaims its opposition to the construction of an OLF in Camden County because of, but not limited to, its concern over the increase in aircraft noise in close proximity to these Currituck County Public Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Currituck County School Board requests that the North Carolina delegation to the United States Congress (the Congress) working in a bi-partisan manner, call for the Congress to suspend funding for the Navy's proposed OLF at sites particularly in Camden County because of the negative impact additional aircraft noise will have on the student population of the Currituck County School system.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of April 2008.



Cathy Midgette-Hatcher, Chairman
Currituck County School Board



C. Michael Warren, Superintendent
Currituck County School System