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Larry Strickland, Chairman
Johnston County Board of Education
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Re: Conditions of the Field House at Smithfield Selma High School

Dear Mr. Strickland:

By now you are aware that a resident of Smithfield recently expressed his concerns at a Town Council meeting about the aforementioned subject. Mr. Mark Lee along with other parents and the members of the Town Council are concerned about the condition in which our children are being exposed to at the Field House at Smithfield Selma High School. While we understand that there are short-term plans in place to rehabilitate the building, we would like to know the long-term plans for the future of this building. If it is discovered that mold is infesting this building that our children frequent, it is our position that the building should be demolished and a new Field House built in its place.

The students and athletes that attend and visit Smithfield Selma High School deserve facilities that do not endanger their health and safety. The photographic documentation provided by Mr. Lee saddened and embarrassed this entire governing body, as it should the entire Johnston County School Board. Our children deserve more. All students in Johnston County deserve to have the same types of facilities.

While we appreciate the efforts that you are now making with renovations, it should not have taken this long to address the issues of the facility. Our goals should be the same, ensuring that our children are able to attend schools where they feel safe and in an environment where their health is not compromised due to neglect, deteriorating facilities or lack of funding.

We urge you to make every effort to rectify this situation in a manner in which the students of Smithfield Selma High School will have pride in the facility, and will be able to utilize it in a manner in which their parents will no longer worry about their health and safety.

Sincerely,

M. Andy Moore, Mayor

Cc: Ross Renfrow, Superintendent Johnston County Schools
Jimmy Lawrence, Attorney for the Johnston County Board of Education