

Board of County Commissioners



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Chair Evelyn Shellenberger
Flagler County School Board
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 2
Bunnell, FL 32110

Re: Carver Gym

Dear Chair Shellenberger:

At the June 14, 2010 budget workshop, the Board of County Commissioners discussed many general fund areas, to include the Carver Gym. At that time, the Board considered several options for the Carver Gym, ranging from continuing the funding at the current level, reducing hours by 50%, closing the facility, or partnering with outside agency(s) for the continued operation of the facility. At the conclusion of the discussions, the majority of the Commissioners favored the potential of closing Carver Gym.

From the County's perspective, the Board, as part of its strategic planning, has identified this facility as more of a municipal service to be performed by a city or other local entity, due to its primary use being Bunnell residents. In addition, Carver Gym is the only active recreation program the county is currently funding, with the exception of the countywide soccer and Youth Center programs. As a result, the County is focusing more on recreational and tourism infrastructure and less on active recreation activities and programs performed by the cities, non-profit organizations, and the school system.

As a result, I have been asked by the Board to send a letter to both the City of Bunnell and the Flagler County School Board seeking your interest in potentially taking over the current programs at the facility.

The Board would appreciate your response prior to the end of August so any potential solution might be incorporated into the coming fiscal year's budget, which will be adopted in September for implementation beginning October 1, 2010.

Sincerely,

George Hanns, Chairman

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