South Burlington School District
July 1, 2009

To: School Board Members
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – July 8, 2009

1. Impact fees – The district has received two opinions about the continuation of collecting impact fees for new construction. Richard Heaps of Northern Economic Consulting concluded that the fees should come to an end and suggested a phase out process. After a concern was raised by a local developer, the board requested that the district get a legal opinion. Attorney Steve Stitzel, after reviewing the ordinances, analyses, and financial data concluded that no more impact fees should be collected. He believes the amount collected was sufficient to cover the expenses used to justify the collection. He further believes that the district can continue to use the existing funds to pay capital debt.

   I recommend that the board approve the item on the consent agenda to request that the City Council stop collection of school impact fees retroactive to January 1, 2009.

2. Property tax rates – The residential tax rate has been set at $1.416 (estimated in January 2009 at $1.400) and the non-residential tax rate at $1.4006 (state rate of $1.35 divided by 96.39% CLA).

3. New hires – There was a question asked at the last board meeting about the level of openness of our hiring practices. In particular there was a request to know the number of applicants and the number of candidates interviewed for the full-time positions approved at the last meeting.

Position	Posting	Applicants	Interviews
HS – English	Internal	1	1
MS – SpEd	External	48	6
MS – Soc Studies	External	190	7
Chamberlin - Classroom	External	279	7

External posting means the position was posted on SchoolSpring.com to get information out as broadly as possible. Internal means that the position was listed only on the posting document we circulate in the district. Internal is mostly used for very part time positions or those where we already have an internal candidate, often a "one-year-only" position.