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Statement of the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners

The Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners and the Tyrrell County Board of Education have resolved their differences relative to the FY 2026-2027 spending plan.

The Agreement paves the way for the Board of Education to pursue the construction of a new \$62 million dollar school for all grades. It provides the Board of Commissioners with the current and historic Tyrrell Elementary School for a wide range of community utilization. The Board of Commissioners was pleased to refine the Board of Education budget to reflect the previous year's spending. The majority of the funds provided by the Board of Commissioners is from state sales tax distributions earmarked for utilization by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Board of Commissioners. This matches prior practice of the Board of Commissioners, as it has fully funded the Board of Education's requests for each year in recent memory.

The issue of the location for the new school arose when the original plan for the school was prepared and it showed new construction occurring only on existing school property. The County believed that no additional property would need to be purchased, and that no funding from the county would be necessary. The current proposed plan required additional land and funding. The Agreement also provides for the County to appoint two members to the Design and Building Steering Committee.

The Board of Commissioners looks forward to working with the Board of Education as partners in both budgetary and construction issues going forward.

The Board of Commissioners encourages the public to disregard statements made on behalf of either governing body made by unauthorized spokespersons.