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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PRESS RELEASE**

The Board of Commissioners recently approved contributing funding to two school related projects, one for city schools and one for county schools. The Superintendents of both districts requested funds from the county. The county schools are working on a traffic congestion relieving plan around Ferguson School. The board voted to send \$310,000 to the project. The project is expected to be completed by next school year.

Additionally, the board voted to allocate \$155,000 to the city schools. The project hasn't been determined at this point. "I'd like to support a project related to roads and/or sidewalks at one of our city schools since these are from dollars that sit in the road fund currently" said Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris. "There are a lot of needs at many of our schools, I'm excited to see what we can work with the schools on, to benefit local youth and families" added Morris.

The funding will come from Secure Rural Schools dollars. Secure Rural Schools (referred to as SRS) dollars are federal funds dispersed to counties in the past to support roads and schools. The SRS program is directed at timber counties as a safety net after environmental policies caused dramatic reductions in timber receipts to counties. SRS expired in 2015 and has not been reauthorized.

