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Dear Drs. Katz and Thayer:

Thank you for coming to present to the County Commissioners on the concept of a Durham Public Schools Central Kitchen. As you heard at the meeting, the Commissioners are interested in helping to facilitate further development of this concept.

Our board recognizes the important role that food nutrition plays in the growth and learning potential of our children, the challenges many families in our community face as 17% of Durham residents are currently considered food insecure and the importance of promoting our local food economy and local farmers and food small businesses.

We are willing to commit \$24,000 towards the overall \$120,000 cost of the feasibility study as long as other funding partners – presumed to be the City of Durham, Durham Public Schools, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NC, and Duke University - are prepared to contribute the remaining funds.

Please let us know when you have received these additional commitments. A simple service contract including the scope of work for the feasibility study would be needed for Durham County to release the committed funds.

Please communicate any additional questions or concerns to Chief of Staff Drew Cummings at dcummings@dconc.gov / 919-560-0065.

Sincerely,


Wendy Jacobs, *Chair*
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