MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
City Clerk

FR: Brian Bates

DT: January 28, 2010

RE: High School Attendance Districts

As you know, in October and November both I had a chance to visit Cross Keys for two different items. It surprised me as to how far Cross Keys was from Doraville, especially knowing how close Chamblee High School was to our city. So I researched the attendance distance from Sequoyah Middle School to various High Schools.

I used Googlemaps to calculate the driving distance from Sequoyah to the following schools:

Distance From:	To: Sequoyah MS
Cross Keys HS	6.2 miles
Dunwoody HS	5.3 miles
Tucker HS	5.3 miles
Lakeside HS	4.1 miles
Chamblee HS	3.3 miles
Oakcliff	2.8 miles
Cary Reynolds	0.4 miles

So as you can see, there are 4 high schools that are closer to Sequoyah than Cross Keys. Remember, this is from Sequoyah. So children who go to Oakcliff, you can add an additional 2.8 miles meaning that those students from the Oakcliff area need to drive or be bussed 9 miles to get to high school.

To make matters worse, according to the district attendance map, students that live in parts of Brookhaven, **less than 10 blocks from Cross Keys** will go to Chamblee High School.

Furthermore, according to the High School District Attendance map, the City of Doraville is divided into three (3) high school districts.

Students in Northwoods, Oakcliff, and the apartments on both sides of Shallowford Road (including the apartments in Chamblee) go to Sequoyah Middle School and then on to Cross Keys High School.

Students in the Winters Chapel/Tilly Mill area go to Peachtree Middle School and then on to Dunwoody High School.

Future students in the yet-to-be-developed GM plant will go to Chamblee Middle School and then on to Chamblee High School.

It is time that Doraville takes a stand and fights for our children and our community.