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DOT/FAA Glen Boles Airspace Program Manager FAA Airports SW Region Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0630



Re: Aeronautical Study (2008-ASW-1292-NRA)

Dear Mr. Boles,

I received a "Notice of Proposed Airport Establishment" for Central Texas Airport, Austin, Texas and Aeronautical Study ( numbered 2101-ASW-354-NRA), and would respectfully wish to raise concerns relative to this proposed airport establishment plan.

I am the Superintendent for Bastrop Independent School District and we are in the process of completing construction of a new 2,200 student capacity high school plant located on Highway 71 and Pope Bend Road. In looking at the aerial layout included with the establishment documents, it shows the flight pattern for this proposed airport's initial runway to be directly (or appears to be so) above our new high school site. The campus is slated to open with 600+ ninth and tenth graders in August 2010 and will increase by a grade level per year to 9-12 status as of August of 2012.

While I am not aware of the flight / descent pattern and altitude with respect to this flight pattern's distance from the runway (as aircraft fly above our school), I am aware that noise and debris field considerations are of great concern for the learning environment and safety of our students and staff. I was Deputy Superintendent in nearby Del Valle ISD when the FAA negotiated purchase of several campuses and facilities in that district due to the flight pattern-related issues for the soon to be opened (at that time) Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. While I understand that this proposed airport is planned (initially) for smaller aircraft, the issues of proximity, noise and debris field are of concern in this instance as well.

I am sure that parents of our students (as they become aware that this airport, the proposed flight pattern and the associated issues I have raised under the heading of concern) will want to have specific answers to many questions. The school district will want to have many specific questions answered as well. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 321-2292 or at smurray@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu

Respectfully,

Steve Murray

Superintendent of Schools