



April 18, 2006

Mr. Bruce Revell  
Assistant Superintendent, ECISD  
P.O. Box 3912  
Odessa, TX 79760

Dear Mr. Revell:

It was good to visit with you last week about New Life Church. I thank you for your help in securing our present location at LBJ Elementary School. We have truly enjoyed our relationship with Mrs. Holmes and her staff. She has been great to work with and has encouraged us at every turn. I only hope that all your elementary school Principals are as thoughtful and professional as she is.

I am writing this letter to request an extension on our one-year contract with LBJ. Our present contract will expire in September 2006. I am asking for a one-year extension, per the approval of the School Board.

New Life Church has grown to an average attendance of 180 people per week. I have assembled a team to begin looking into long term facilities but, as you know, the economy is booming here in Odessa and the land cost has quadrupled in just the last 18 months. A good acre of land is running between \$40,000 and \$100,000 in the east part of town and we are hoping to find about 10 acres for future growth. Because of the cost, we need more time to come up with the money to move forward with land purchase and then a new building. We are also looking for alternative buildings that might work for a period of years as we continue to grow.

I hope you can understand our need to continue using LBJ for our Sunday morning services until a new location is found. Thanks again for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Halstead  
Minister, New Life Church

# Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary

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Odessa, TX 79762

Marilee Holmes, Principal

Sandy Arneson, Asst. Principal

Date: May 1, 2006

To: Bruce Revell  
CC: Tim Halstead

From: Marilee Holmes *mh*

Re: New Life Church

It has been a pleasure to have New Life Church with Pastor Tim Halstead and his staff at LBJ each Sunday. I have visited the service several times since September and have been most impressed with how well organized and efficient the New Life team is to transform LBJ into a place to worship each Sunday morning, then back to a school when services are over. They have been very careful to leave LBJ in the same condition (or better) than they found it.

New Life Church members also "give back" to LBJ as displayed by members' help with the LBJ Carnival, a luncheon for LBJ staff members, numerous snacks such as cakes, etc., notes of thank you, congratulations, and encouragement.

It is a pleasure to recommend that the contract with New Life Church be renewed/extended for this next year. This is a great public relations measure for LBJ and ECISD. It is good for New Life Church, as well as, LBJ.