

TO: David Meadows
FROM: Julie Hinds
RE: Pierce Street Elementary – Request from the Chickasaw Nation and University of South Carolina to perform excavations

For your consideration and approval, I am submitting a request from the Chickasaw Nation and University of South Carolina to conduct archeological fieldwork on the campus of Pierce Street Elementary between December 14 and December 18, 2011. They will be looking for artifacts from the Battle of Ackia, which was fought in the area including Pierce Street Elementary. I've attached the letter submitted by Charles R. Cobb, Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of South Carolina with a description of the importance of the study and what it will entail along with an aerial view of the site showing the areas to be investigated. The highlighted portion of the letter describes the process they are proposing. They have offered to make this a learning opportunity for our students to observe the fieldwork process as well as to return after the study is complete and present the results to the student body of Pierce Street Elementary.

The “dig” will consist of multiple holes laid out on a grid system with each hole being up to 2 feet in diameter and 1 foot deep. Each hole will be dug by hand and will be immediately backfilled and the sod replaced. Mr. Brad Prewitt, who represents the Chickasaw Nation in this endeavor, assured me that they would make sure the site was left as it was found and if the backfilled dirt settles, they will come back and spread sand or do whatever needs to be done.

A representative from the University of South Carolina team will be present at the meeting to present their request and to answer any questions you and the board might have.