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STEVE WHIDDEN, SHERIFF

February 16, 2026

Honorable Julie C. Wilkins
Mayor, City of LaBelle
481 W. Hickpochee Ave.
LaBelle, FL 33935

Re: Request Consideration for Additional School Zone

Dear Mayor Wilkins and LaBelle City Commission,

We are requesting consideration for the establishment of a designated school zone on Jaycee Lyons Drive adjacent to the LaBelle Elementary School. This request is based on our concerns about the safety of the students, parents, school staff and community members who regularly travel on this roadway during school hours.

During school arrival and dismissal times, traffic congestion and speeds along this section of Jaycee Lyons Drive create conditions that pose a safety risk to children walking or being dropped off for school.

Creating a school zone with appropriate signage and pavement markings would allow for further collaborative efforts between the City of LaBelle, school district and Sheriff's Office, which could significantly improve pedestrian safety and encourage drivers to exercise greater caution. These measures would align with the City's commitment to protecting children and promoting safe neighborhoods.

We respectfully ask that the City evaluate this location and consider implementing a school zone as soon practicable. To aid this decision, we are providing a map which indicates the possible beginning and ending locations of the proposed school zone.

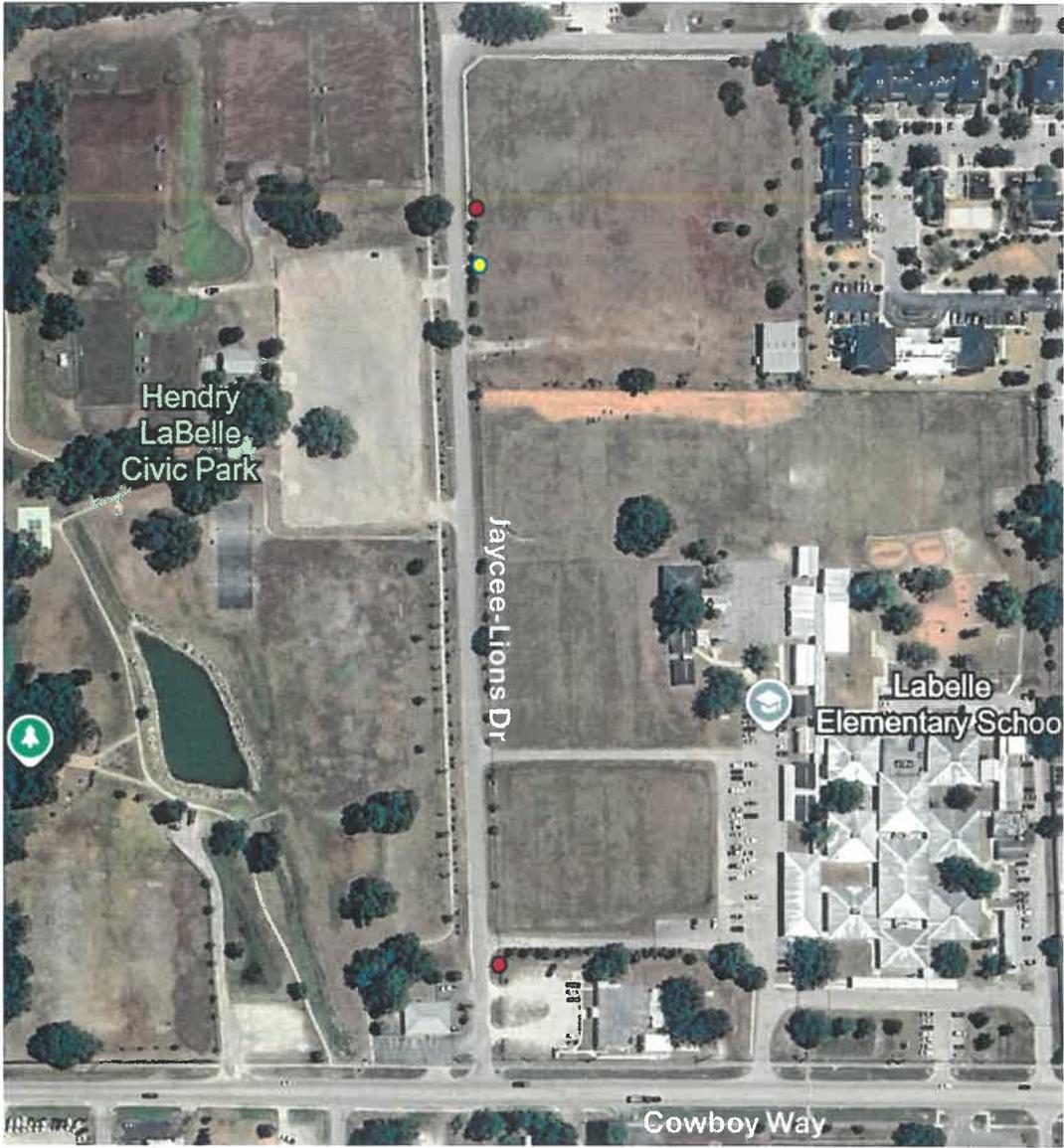
Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Nelson, Chief Deputy



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Map Legend

- Suggested start and end to proposed school zone
- Existing pedestrian crosswalk