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**From:** Chad Keith <chadk78@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 7:34 AM  
**To:** PHILLIP BOWERS  
**Cc:** melissaterry@pickens.k12.sc.us  
**Subject:** Re: Adaptive Uses for A.R. Lewis and Holly Springs properties

Mr. Bowers,

Have you discussed the future of these schools with the board and administration? I would like to see them used in a way that honors the legacy of these two wonderful academic institutions and benefits their respective communities. I really like the ideas suggested by Ms. Terry. I believe that the A.R. Lewis Environmental Education Center and the Holly Springs Appalachian Cultural Center could greatly benefit our county. I would like to have a meeting of some kind involving members of the A.R. Lewis and Holly Springs communities to discuss what is to become of these schools. I would be more than willing to do research and make contacts as necessary. All I ask is that we be treated with respect, honesty, and transparency - unlike how we were treated during the meetings to discuss consolidation. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Chad Keith

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 8:06 PM, PHILLIP BOWERS <[bowers\\_p@bellsouth.net](mailto:bowers_p@bellsouth.net)> wrote:

Excellent idea. I would like to form a small group of visionaries to study it. Grants are probably our best shot at funding. Most energy companies (Exxon, etc) have sustainable energy initiatives and I suspect some have grant money set aside for education etc. I would recommend we start with a very small group that is willing to invest time toward finding other uses for the building and not waste time bickering about what used to be. I understand the hurt, but we need to move on. If we put together a good plan I believe the money will come. I don't see the district having the funds for complete funding, but I will do all I can to support repurposing. I really like the heritage center/YAMS idea for hse too.

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 4:08 PM, Melissa Terry <[MelissaTerry@pickens.k12.sc.us](mailto:MelissaTerry@pickens.k12.sc.us)> wrote:

As far as a possible use, I wondered about the idea of making ARL have living facilities as well as classrooms to allow schools to come for field trips. Schools could sign up and come for a week and have a weeklong environmental experience complete with classroom studies as well as trips to Table Rock and other surrounding sites. This could be open to schools across the state. It could provide a camp experience while they learn and study for a week. It has potential to pay for itself or even make money. I think schools across the state would love to come to the upstate for a week. Especially for a science based camp. Just a thought.

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 3:04 PM, PHILLIP BOWERS <[bowers\\_p@bellsouth.net](mailto:bowers_p@bellsouth.net)> wrote:

Excellent. Thank you.

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On Jun 29, 2016, at 2:45 PM, Chad Keith  
<[chadk78@hotmail.com](mailto:chadk78@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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