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Condominium project approved despite concerns over school crowding

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The Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a 168-condominium development called Edison Square that will be located at the intersection of Harris Road and Ellenwood Drive near the Skybrook Golf Club and the Cabarrus-Mecklenburg county line.

The project was approved despite commissioners' concerns and a lengthy discussion about the impact on local schools. The proposed project is expected to increase the school capacity at Cox Mill Elementary School from 88.2 percent to 134.32 percent.

"It's not just this development that's doing it," Commissioner Bob Carruth said. "Its development that's already there."

Commissioner Coy Privette said it would be irresponsible to approve the proposal.

"Schools are for students," he said. "We don't build schools for developers."

Developer Shea Homes is expected to pay \$223,608 to offset the impact to local schools before it can receive building permits. The developer expects to build 45 units per year for the next three years and then 33 units in 2012 to complete the project.