

**PTA President's Concerns about PDK Jet Engine Repair ROAR!
Letter to CEO Vernon Jones and Commissioner Burrell Ellis:**

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Subject: PDK Roar yesterday morning!
Importance: High

Good Morning, Gentlemen

My family and I experienced something chilling yesterday morning as my husband was taking our young boys to school. There was a constant roar at least 3 different times from PDK lasting 10 minutes at a time from 7:15 am until 7:45. I have lived near PDK for 20 years and have never heard something like this. I called my husband on his cell phone and went outside 3 times trying to see if a plane was about to fall out of the sky. As the PTA President for Nancy Creek Theme School, **I am very concerned**. We had students upset, and teachers that were so rattled (a terrible way to start the school day). When I called the PDK number, I got no answer. When I called 911, they said they didn't know of anything going on, and gave me a different number for the airport. When I called, it was the PDK tower, and asked what was going on, they said that there was just a jet having 'regular maintenance' that was checking out its engine. I now understand it is called a jet "run-up", where they gun the engines at full power to test them while doing maintenance or during repairs. I just wanted to communicate my concern, especially considering the proposals for maintenance facilities at PDK. My neighbor thought it was a sonic boom, and sounded like a war zone.

We understand there was a low ceiling yesterday and we've talked to Bonita Martin, the manager at PDK and Linda Chatman, at FOIA regarding our concerns. They indicated they will investigate. This is a great opportunity to let the community know what would happen if a maintenance facility was approved to be built. We had already contacted you and our county commissioners about the proposed contract, but now more than ever, this 'typical event' we experienced at the airport yesterday morning exposed the severity of the risk to our quality of lives in North DeKalb.

I would like to request a meeting with you, CEO Jones, and Commissioner Ellis to discuss the proposed contract for PDK and the huge potential impact on so many citizens in North DeKalb. I love where I live, and I want to talk to you directly before the proposed contract is voted on. I know time is of the essence. Thanks for your time and consideration on this issue. I look forward to talking with you directly about this extremely important issue.

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