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## Data Center

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[@bcsd5.org](mailto:@bcsd5.org) [@bcsd5.org](mailto:@bcsd5.org),

Friday, April 3, 2026 at 9:52:02 AM Central Daylight Time  
[y@chathamil.gov](mailto:y@chathamil.gov) Dave Kimsey

Becca and Dave,

Good morning and Happy Easter weekend.

Becca, I never heard back from you regarding our last meeting, but I believe that Dave, his staff and I had a great meeting regarding the future of the Chatham community and how important the support is from the Village and School district for these Energy and Data Center projects. These projects bring once in a lifetime tax revenue opportunity's. It also has the potential of adding residents and other commercial businesses to the community. The current Double Black Diamond solar farm and the projected Cyrus One data center will bring in \$100,000,000.00 in tax revenue over the next 25 years. That is equivalent to the \$100,000,000.00 bond that Chatham just passed. Imagine being able to pay for that without increasing any property taxes to all the Chatham residents. Revenue of that magnitude could also go towards building a new school.

As you might be aware, the vote to pass the Data Center was tabled at the last County Board meeting. The developer, Cyrus One, has exceeded all County ordinances and has done an excellent job of answering all community concerns. If you have not been to the County's website regarding the information on the Data Center, I encourage you to do so. CyrusOne has gone up and above its commitment. They have committed to training all the local fire departments and is purchasing a ladder fire truck for the Virden fire department that will be servicing the location. CyrusOne has committed to assisting local trade schools and is committing a total of \$2,000,000 to the Auburn School district and \$2,000,000 to the Chatham School district over the next five years. What an amazing benefit.

However, this will not happen unless it goes to vote and it passes. Auburn School Board is excited and is reaching out to the county Board members showing their support. I am asking that you also consider the benefits to the community and reach out to the Board members. If you know someone personally, it would be great to contact them directly, or you can send an email to all the Board members. Their emails are on the County website.

If you are not in support, then that is OK, as we will direct our resources and efforts to other communities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Some of the heaviest users of A.I. are in the healthcare industry and in the agricultural industry, which are two huge providers in Sangamon county.

Thank you,

Darrel Thoma

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## Energy and Development Projects

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@dowsonfarms.com Darrel Thoma

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 11:16:54 AM Central Daylight Time

To: @bcsd5.org @bcsd5.org

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To: @bcsd5.org Jared Koester

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Becca

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Darrel Thoma <@dowsonfarms.com>

**Date:** March 18, 2026 at 12:16:58 PM EDT

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**Subject:** Energy and Development Projects

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To: | **@bcsd5.org Jared Koester** Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 4:42:28 PM Central Daylight Time  
| **@bcsd5.org Becca Lamon**

I will be there. Thanks, and go read a book on the beach  
Sent from my iPhone

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