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## LAKE IN BRIEF

# City will try to resolve differences

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GROVELAND -- The City Council has voted to try to resolve its differences with the Lake County School Board before proceeding with a legal challenge over more than \$700,000 in supplemental education impact fees.

State law allows governments to try to settle their differences before seeking court action over any issue. School officials originally had requested the city to waive that provision.

School officials want a Lake circuit judge to decide whether Groveland violated its own ordinance to collect extra impact fees to benefit schools. Officials also are asking the court to order Groveland to turn over the money.

The city's \$2,000 supplemental fee is separate from the School Board's \$7,055 impact fee charged for each new home. Groveland has collected about \$700,000 in supplemental fees so far, but city officials expect that to grow to \$10 million during the next few years.

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