



December 13, 2023

Mr. Gary Leist
Kentucky Department of Education
300 Sower Boulevard – 4th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: Newport Independent Schools
Newport High School – Stadium Renovation Phase II
REH Project No. 149-623

Dear Gary:

We, as the Newport Independent Board of Education, request a waiver to 702 KAR 4:170 regarding restricted money being utilized within one foot of the 100-year floodplain.

Our Board is requesting this waiver to allow our District to construct a new restroom building for the existing stadium at the high school. The stadium work is listed on our current DFP as the “Field House.”

Our District does not have any other option to provide restrooms for the stadium as we are in a landlocked, urban area. The entire stadium complex is located within the flood plain. This campus has been used for decades and will not constitute a violation of any other agency having jurisdiction. The previous restrooms were located on the site (within the flood plain) as part of the former grandstand and were demolished when the former grandstand was deemed unsafe and unable to be repaired.

We appreciate your consideration for this waiver.

Best regards,

Newport Independent Board of Education