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Mr Greg Dunbar

District Facilities Branch/Division of District Support

Department of Education

Capital Plaza Tower

500 Mero Street

Frankfort KY 40601

Reference: Nelson County Early Learning Center, Phase 2,

Nelson County Schools

 BG 15-215

 Waiver Request for Markerboard Area

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

The Nelson County Schools board requests that the Kentucky Department of Education consider approval of a waiver of the following regulation for the above-listed project:

702 KAR 4:170, Part 2 b.3.3 Minimum Standards: “*Chalkboard/Markerboard: 48 square feet”.*

The district proposes that they will provide a single interactive whiteboard (62”x46”) at each classroom in place of the required square footage of markerboard. In addition to the interactive whiteboard, 15 sf of markerboard will also be provided. Requirements for tackboard area will still be met.

The staff at Nelson County Early Learning Center, the administration at the Central Office, and the reviewers who inspect facilities for compliance with ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) all agree that this is a preferable arrangement. They prefer not to have a big markerboard as a single focus in the room, preferring to break the rooms into unique stations. For some of these activity areas a markerboard is not necessary or desirable.

We hope that the proposed plan solution is determined to be acceptable.

Please contact Steven Ward at Studio Kremer Architects if you have any questions or require further information. Steven can be reached at 502.499.1100 x 217.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Anthony Orr

Superintendent, Nelson County Schools

cc: Gary Leist

 Tim Hockensmith

 Steven Ward