



May 8, 2019

Mr. Chuck Adams, Superintendent
Spencer County Schools
207 W. Main Street
Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071

Dear Chuck:

Sherman Carter Barnhart is pleased to submit our letter of interest to provide architectural services for the Spencer County Early Learning Center Renovation and Addition. Since 2000, we have enjoyed partnering with the Spencer County Board and truly appreciate the relationships we have built within the District.

Designing schools is what we do at Sherman Carter Barnhart. We enjoy it and are passionate about it, and we offer Spencer County the following benefits:

Extensive Early Learning School Experience. In addition to designing the new Taylorsville Elementary School, Sherman Carter Barnhart has designed a total of 65 new early childhood/primary/elementary schools. This includes 3 new primary/early learning centers and 12 new elementary schools in the past 6 years. We know how special an early learning center is, and we understand these are your youngest learners and possibly their first time away from home. Therefore, the school needs to be welcoming, encourage learning and feel safe.

Innovative 21st Century School Designs Focused on Student & Teacher Centered Schools®. By actively listening to you, we will program and design the Spencer County Early Learning Center Renovation and Addition to meet your specific curriculum needs. We facilitate a unique interactive design process with your key stakeholders to design a school that supports your curriculum and educational model. This process is guided by our philosophy of Student and Teacher Centered Design® to provide innovative solutions focused on: Supporting teaching & learning, Creating a safe & secure environment, Being community connected, Being environmentally friendly & energy efficient, Being cost efficient to build, operate & maintain, and Being innovative and technologically enriched.

A Focus on Safety. School safety literally begins as a person enters the site and approaches the main entrance. Sherman Carter Barnhart, in 1996 was the first to develop what has commonly become a "Security Vestibule". As our focus has evolved we've increased the size, introduced seating areas and controlled adjacencies with School Resource Officers. With ongoing technological improvements in security, surveillance, access control and construction materials, we have incorporated advanced security notification systems in our designs. Through our use of virtual reality, we allow staff and first responders to "walk through" the building, providing them a real experience of the security design, prior to the foundation being under construction!

Leadership You Know. I will continue to serve as your Principal In Charge. Working with me will be Project Manager, Allison Commings, AIA, LEED AP, CID. Allison grew up in a house of Kentucky educators. Her mother is a retired teacher, and her father is a retired Superintendent. She's continued this dedication to education, as an architect working with schools throughout Kentucky for over 9 years. She has worked with numerous school districts on their long term planning, as well as with developing building programs, building consensus and assisting with balancing the program with the budget. Also on our team will be Tony Pham for quality control and construction administration.

Sherman Carter Barnhart's 30+ years of school design experience, coupled with our leadership and processes, provides Spencer County an unequalled breadth and depth of experience to successfully design the Spencer County Early Learning Center Renovation and Addition to reach its fullest potential. If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact me. We look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the Board, and yourself on this exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Cheek", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Cheek, Assoc. AIA
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