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Mr Adams –

Studio Kremer Architects is interested in getting to know Spencer County Schools and in working with the district as your architecture partner for your proposed work at the Spencer County Early Learning Center.

Educational facilities are a primary focus of Studio Kremer's work, with a new project commencing in Eminence this year and ongoing projects under construction in Danville, Oldham, Bullitt, Shelby, Jefferson, and Nelson Counties. We are as equally comfortable with renovation as new construction and are often engaged in projects like Spencer County Schools' proposed renovation/expansion which involves both.



*Eminence EdHub*

Studio Kremer has spent a good amount of time over the past few years becoming more conversant in the design of flexible and varied collaborative spaces to better serve contemporary teaching/learning methodologies – essentially to match facility to curriculum as effectively as possible. The most recent examples of this focused effort are the EdHub facility for Eminence Independent Schools, opened in 2016, and the Marnel C Moorman School in Shelby County, now under construction. Both of these are built around student-centered,

project-based/peer presentation models, requiring that the facilities be configured to support a different kind of student interaction.



*Marnel C Moorman School – The central collaboration/presentation space in one of the 3 classroom ‘neighborhoods’*



*Marnel C Moorman School – The central circulation space, with adjacent presentation space*

Our specific involvement with Early Learning curriculum over the last few years has also been an exploration of how the learning spaces can best serve those programs. After the overwhelming success of Studio Kremer’s facility for Bardstown’s Early Childhood program, Nelson County engaged Studio Kremer to adapt their former Central Office/warehouse into a new central Early Learning Center.



Through these projects we became familiar with the staff at the Regional Training Center in Anderson County – first Pamela Fox, Penny Nutter, and Julie Goodpaster, and – since Pamela’s retirement, Alysia Wedding. Their insights helped us develop facilities which were uniquely suited to current best practices in early childhood education and allowed us to craft solutions which would make the facilities responsive to ECERS requirements, supporting good scoring in their annual performance reviews.



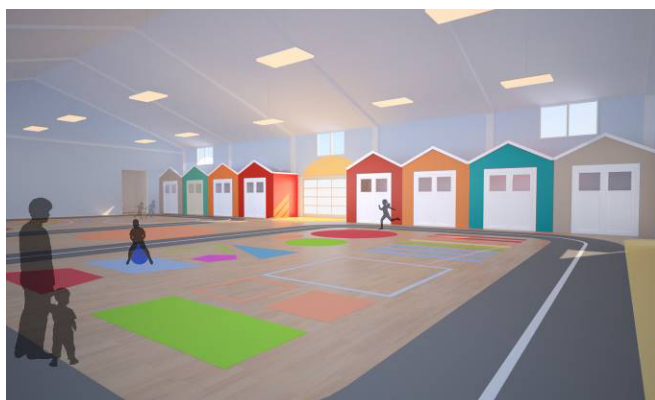
*Nelson County Early Learning Center*



In 2017 we began design of the renovation and additions to the former Hogsett Elementary in Danville for use as the newly organized Mary G Hogsett Primary School, a preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade facility. As with the Moorman School and the EdHub before it, this project – now under construction – involved a re-thinking of how the whole facility could be organized to allow for break-out spaces, special focus areas, and flexible collaborative space.



*Hogsett Primary School*



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As has been true for the past decade, many of the schools on which Studio Kremer has worked are among the most economical and energy-efficient K-12 projects in Kentucky. Nelson County, for example, celebrates their recognition this year as the most energy efficient district in the state, the culmination of a long partnership between the district, Studio Kremer, and an excellent team of recurring consultants. Nelson County's Thomas Nelson High School, a project that bid \$2m under budget in 2008, remains the most energy efficient high school in the Commonwealth after 6 years in operation.

In addition to our services in designing and facilitating the project the district will pursue, Studio Kremer is experienced with assistance in any revisions that might be necessary to your District Facilities Plan, discussion of your goals and needs with Mr Bauman and the rest of the Kentucky Department of Education facilities staff, and discussions of planning strategies for campus improvements that might be necessary to accommodate the renovation/expansion project.

Studio Kremer has the experience and the knowledge of KDE requirements that we'd need to bring to bear for this project. Beyond the typical familiarity which might be expected, we are often able to help districts determine creative solutions that both meet their needs and satisfy seemingly conflicting regulatory requirements.

Studio Kremer would love to work as your partners in the visioning, design, and realization of a well-designed, innovative, and efficient renovation and expansion of Spencer County's Early Learning Center that is responsive to the required timetable and budget. We hope to be able to talk about your project further in the near future!

Thank you for your consideration.



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*Marnel C Moorman School – presentation space off of main lobby*