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TO: Dr. Jesse Bacon *JB*
FROM: Bret Highley *BH*
DATE: August 3, 2020
RE: New BCPS Elementary School-Art Classroom Waiver

Attached you will find the official waiver request from Cate Ward, SKA, to be submitted to James Bauman, KDE. After their initial review of our plans on July 12, 2020, KDE wanted the Art Classroom moved to the East side of the school. This would prove costly with extra grade work and site concrete walks. The waiver is asking to keep it in place with the exterior windows facing the school patio, gym and outdoor classroom areas.

At this time, I am seeking the Board's approval for a waiver request to be submitted to KDE.

If you have any questions regarding this request please call me at 502-921-3659.

Attachment:

Waiver Request from Cate Ward, SKA

Equal Education and Employment Institution

August 2, 2020



TO: James Bauman, Architect
Kentucky Department of Education
Facilities Branch, Division of District Support
Office of Finance and Operations
300 Sower Blvd., 4th Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

REFERENCE: Design Development Review Response Letter:
New 800-Student Elementary School – Bullitt County Public Schools
Twin Eagles Development, Mt Washington, KY
BG# 20-142 | ska# 2019-50

Waiver Request for Art Classroom

Mr. Bauman:

Your letter dated July 1, 2020 regarding the Design Development Phase for the New 800-Student Elementary School in Bullitt County indicates that the art classroom has no natural light and does not comply with 702 KAR 4:170, Facility Programming and Construction Criteria guidelines. The recommendation was to move the art room to the music room location and add an exterior door.

BCPS has been resistant to adding another door (i.e., control point) at the Art Room; therefore an exterior door was not shown.

The Art Room location and configuration were proposed with the following in mind:

- The Art Room has a large glazed wall opening to the daylit atrium. It is anticipated that activity from the Art Room can be visible from and spill out into the atrium and activate this central space in the school. The school expects that students from art classes will collaborate on stage sets for performances in this space and in the gym.
- Clerestories on multiple sides of the Atrium, allowing daylight to reach the Art Room through its large glazed wall, supplement the natural light from the large windows (13' wide) in the Art Room itself.
- Access to the outdoors is made very easy via doors directly out of the atrium onto a courtyard space designed for outdoor gathering and activities.
- Reversing the art and music rooms and providing an outside door would prove problematic from a site grading/drainage standpoint. There are also concerns about supervision of a patio that would be directly adjacent to a retaining wall to the north and the bus loading area to the east.

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702 KAR 4:170, Part 2, section b.7.1, Location states the art classroom unit shall be "On the ground floor at north exterior wall for direct access to a future art patio".

With the art classroom currently designed with large glazed openings to borrow natural light (including diffuse light from the north) from the Atrium, as well as easy access to the courtyard directly outside the Atrium, the district requests a waiver from relocation of this space and provision of the exterior door.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,
Studio Kremer Architects

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cate Noble Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cate" being the most prominent.

Cate Noble Ward
Architect | Associate

cc via email:

Dr. Jesse Bacon, Bullitt County Public Schools Superintendent
Becky Sexton, Bullitt County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
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