



August 11, 2020

Jeff Saylor, Superintendent  
Estill County Board of Education  
253 Main Street  
Irvine, Kentucky 40336

Dear Mr. Saylor:

Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects is pleased to submit our qualifications to provide architectural services for the Estill County High School Renovation. We are excited about the possibility to work with you and the Board of Education. As a leader in the design of schools, we offer Estill County the following experience:

**Designing Schools Is What We Do At Sherman Carter Barnhart.** We are passionate about improving schools for Kentucky's children and we offer Estill County the expertise and knowledge to successfully complete the Estill County High School Renovation. We believe our relevant experience and approach to designing schools, means Estill County can be confident that Sherman Carter Barnhart will be the right partner to design this renovation to be uniquely tailored to your District, enabling your students to reach their full potential.

**Team of Experts.** Our team offers the in-house expertise of architecture, interior design, structural engineering, landscape architecture, and civil engineering. As Principal In Charge, I offer 35 years experience programming and designing schools. My team works exclusively on K-12 education projects, and has earned a reputation for providing innovative and economical designs, delivering the most for your money. Working with me will be Project Manager/Interior Designer, Allison Commings, AIA, LEED AP, KYCID. With 12 years of experience focused exclusively on educational facilities, she offers an in-depth understanding of project coordination and management to ensure a successful project.

**Extensive Successful Renovation Experience.** Sherman Carter Barnhart has designed 540 school renovations, including; **226 High School Renovations, 9 in the past 5 years.** Our success in the planning and design of renovations, is a result of a detailed and thorough approach during the design process, as well as during the construction phase. We are diligent in addressing the safety and security of the students, administration, and staff a top priority. We know scheduling is critical to reduce the impact to the campus. We have earned a reputation for safely completing these projects on budget, on schedule, and operational during construction without loss of instructional time.

**Student And Teacher Centered Design.** Our approach recognizes that a school's primary purpose is to provide the best environment possible to elevate the students' and teachers' educational experience. Working hand-in-hand with teachers, students, parents and administrators, we develop design principles which guide decisions made throughout the design process, and ensure each choice is the best for the students' and teachers' educational experience.

We believe the design of every school represents an opportunity to improve function, efficiency, and student learning. It is our passion to provide innovative yet sensible design solutions. From planning to design to construction, and at every step in between, we work hard to ensure our clients' projects are the best possible at every stage. We would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you and the Board of Education on how we would make the Estill County High School renovation a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Cheek', written over a white rectangular background.

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