

August 19, 2020

Mr. Jeff Saylor  
Superintendent, Estill County Schools  
253 Main Street  
Irvine, Kentucky 40336

**RE: Request for Proposals - Architectural Services**

Dear Mr. Saylor,

Tate Hill Jacobs would like to reach out to the Estill County Board of Education to express our interest in providing Architectural Design services for your upcoming renovation of Estill County High School. Our firm has specialized in robust and economical designs for the public schools of Kentucky since 1975 and we are committed to providing the **best customer service in the industry**. Construction projects can be very exciting for a district, but they can also siphon away the time and energy needed by personnel to keep a school district functioning. For every project, we aim to make the process as smooth and efficient for our clients as possible. We understand that fussy buildings that are not easy to construct, maintain or operate cost the district time and money, and have an adverse impact on general fund dollars best spent in service of the students. These are trying times for school districts; time and money are valuable assets not to be squandered lightly.

We get High Schools

Our proficiency with High School centers led Fayette County Public Schools to select our firm to design their 2 newest High School centers. Frederick Douglass High School is a new 287,000 sf 21<sup>st</sup> century facility that is listed as one of the top 10 most energy efficient high schools in the United States. This project, located on Winchester Road as you drive into Lexington, is a showpiece for the district with a construction cost of \$208.00 per sf. The project was delivered on time, on budget, with a change order percentage of approx. 1%.

The energy savings enjoyed by FCPS on this project were such that the district selected our firm to design a new facility for Tates Creek High School. Currently under construction, this is an approx. 358,018 sf facility for 1850 students with a tornado shelter, new baseball, softball and field house. The construction cost at bidding was \$198 sf and included revisions to the parking and drive aisles of existing campus to improve safety issues for the existing elementary and middle schools that share the campus. Out of the box thinking in phasing and building siting, allowed our firm to save the district and estimated \$2 million off portable classroom costs.

We get Renovations

We cut our teeth on gritty complex and phased renovations. We have the perseverance and attention to detail required to assess an existing facility and proposed solutions that leverage the strength of existing building stock into fabulous facilities suited to modern educational goals. We work with our clients to reimagine and reinvigorate a building to suit district budgets, educational needs and current energy mandates.

No project is too large, or too small. Currently we are finishing a 4,500-sf renovation for Breathitt County Schools, changing a tired unused locker area into high functioning, daylit classroom space.



Another example our experience with complex renovation include Jessie Clark Middle School, a complex multi-phased renovation and addition for Fayette County Public Schools. Work at this school transformed a low dark facility as seen in the following photos into a daylit space and a place on the annual Energy Star School list.



Jessie Clark Commons Area – Before



Jessie Clark Commons Area – After



Jessie Clark Media Center – Before



Jessie Clark Media Center – After

The impact that educational facilities has on a community is astounding, determining the future of countless generations and the trajectory of the entire citizenship. We feel schools are much more than a building but a true act of community service, and would be honored to assist your district in your renovation endeavor. Please let me know if you have any questions or we can provide additional information for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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