

**DATE:**

04/26/2021

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve a School Facility Design Waiver Request for the construction of a Family Resource Area at White's Tower Elementary School that does not meet the Model School Program with direct access from the building exterior.

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.1 Legal Status of the Board; 702 KAR 4:050 Building Sites; Inspection and Approval

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

The proposed addition/renovation to White's Tower Elementary School is being designed to make the best and most efficient use of the space already existing as well as to make the appropriate internal circulation connection with the footprint of the existing building. The Family Resource Center (FRC) has occupied the Physical Education Office due to lack of office space. As a result the Physical Education teacher currently does not have an office. The proposed plan allows the Physical Education Teacher to regain their designated space and the Family Resource Area will be assigned to the existing teacher's lounge. This space is more appropriate in size and location for the FRC however does not offer direct exterior access. Due to all existing design challenges it is necessary to secure a design waiver request.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

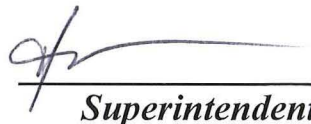
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**CONTACT PERSON:**

Rob Haney, Chief Operations Officer

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Principal/Administrator

  
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District Administrator

  
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Superintendent



2021.04.12

Mr. Rob Haney  
Chief Operations Officer  
Kenton County School District  
1055 Eaton Drive  
Ft. Wright, KY 41017

Re: Response to Design Development Review dated 2021.04.12  
BG 21-145  
Kenton County School District  
White's Tower Elementary School – Additions and Renovations

Dear Rob,

We are in receipt of Mr. Leist's Design Development Review of the White's Tower Elementary School – Additions and Renovations project. In response to the comment, *"RESPONSE ITEM 4: The new Family Resource Area does not have access directly from the building exterior. Revise the Family Resource Area to have access directly from the building area. (Reference 702 KAR 4:170 Part 2-b.20.)"* we offer the following response:

PCA RESPONSE: The existing Family Resource Area is currently located in what is titled Phys Ed. Office 180 on the floor plans which also doesn't have direct access to the exterior. As a result, the Physical Education Teacher currently doesn't have an office.

With this project scope we are reallocating room 180 back to a Phys. Ed. Office and moving the Family Resource Area to what is currently the teacher's lounge. Although the new Family Resource Area does not have direct access to the exterior (the current location does not have exterior access either) the larger room provides a more suitable space for the Family Resource Area. Unfortunately there is no unallocated room in the existing building with the ability to provide direct exterior access that could be used for the Family Resource Area.

I trust this response addresses Mr. Leist's comment. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,  
PCA ARCHITECTURE PSC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Kaiser'.

Jim Kaiser, R.A.