



March 15, 2023

Greg Dunbar
Division of District Support
District Facilities Branch
Kentucky Department of Education
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: Hopkins County Auxiliary Gymnasiums
BG No. 22-408; SCB Project No. 2221

Dear Mr. Dunbar,

Sherman Carter Barnhart completed a competitive negotiation for the above referenced project on March 7th, 2023. The base bid amount received by the district exceeds the BG-3 estimate of probable cost by more than 10%. This overage is due to the escalation of materials and the requirement of prevailing wages for the use of Esser Funds. Please accept this letter of rationale explaining the project's overage.

Please let us know if there are any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew H. Owens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Andrew Owens, AIA
Associate Principal

cc: Marty Cline, Justin McElfresh