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December 6, 2013

Mr. Nick Markarian, Chief School Administrator
SOMERSET COUNTY
Bernards Twp School District School District
101 Peachtree Road
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Title: OTHER CAPITAL PROJECT DETERMINATION

THIS PROJECT DOES NOT IMPACT EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO DOE FINAL EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY REVIEW.

**Bernards Twp School District School District
Ridge High School
State Project No. 0350-050-14-2000
Somerset County**

Description: Modifications to the existing access drive to alleviate congestion during drop off and pick up.

Dear Mr. Markarian:

Your district has requested that the project referenced above be reviewed as an "other capital project" pursuant to the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c. 72 ("EFCFA" or "Act") and the New Jersey Department of Education ("Department") implementing regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.12 provides that other capital projects are not eligible for State support pursuant to EFCFA and the district has stated it is not requesting State funding for the project. The same section of the regulations also sets forth certain requirements for Department review of other capital projects, and approval, if the facility is to house students and is therefore subject to the educational adequacy requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.

I. Department determinations.

The Department now makes the following determinations regarding the above-referenced project.

1. This other capital project is consistent with the District's long-range facilities plan ("LRFP").

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2. This other capital project is consistent with the District's applicable approved programmatic model contained in the District's approved LRFP, if applicable
3. The District has stated the total amount of funds (cost estimate) the District intends to expend to complete the other capital project.
4. The District has stated the type of facility to be constructed (school facility, other facility, etc.), which is rehabilitation of a school facility.
5. This other capital project meets the educational adequacy requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5, if applicable.
6. This other capital project, which is not subject to educational adequacy requirements, meets the schematic plans requirements, if applicable.

II. Description of the reviewed other capital project

The reviewed other capital project consists of the following components: Modifications to the existing access drive to alleviate congestion during drop off and pick up.

III. TOTAL PROJECT COST \$279,000.00

IV. Actions to be taken

If the Department has reviewed the other capital project, the District may advance the project as follows:

A. Educational adequacy and Uniform Construction Code review. If the other capital project **does not require** final educational adequacy review, the district is not required to make a final educational adequacy submission to the Department or pay the Department final educational adequacy review fees. The district may advance the project, including review for Uniform Construction Code ("UCC") compliance as required. If the district has submitted a release request form, with its project application, requesting municipal code enforcing agency review of plans for UCC conformance, the form will be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs with a copy of this letter for their action. If a release request form was not submitted with the project application and the district prefers to have the municipal code enforcing agency review its plans for UCC conformance, a completed release request form including State project # should be sent directly to:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Education Unit

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P.O. Box 802
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

B. Local support and compliance with procurement laws. If the Department has reviewed the other capital project, the District may proceed to obtain local funding of the project, consistent with the local funding requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.12. The District is reminded that if it issues school bonds for an "other capital project", the resolution or question to the voters must specifically state that the other capital project is not eligible for State support. The District is further reminded that other capital projects, while not subject to the State funding eligibility criteria of school facilities projects, are required to conform to all other applicable statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to, the procurement laws, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1.1 et seq. and rules thereunder.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, contact H. Lyle Jones from the Office of School Facilities at (609) 943-5452 or email at lyle.jones@doe.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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