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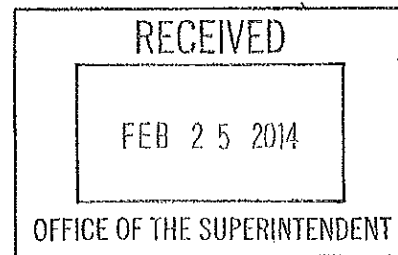
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December 13, 2013

Dr. H. Major Poteat, Superintendent  
Winslow Township School District #5820  
30 Coopers Folly Road  
Atco, New Jersey 08002



**RE: SCHEMATIC OTHER CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVAL:** Schematic OCP Determination of a school facilities project, seeking approval pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c.72, as amended (EFCFA).

**State Project No. 5820-020-14-2000: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Roof-top Solar Panels  
Winslow Township Middle School  
Winslow Township School District  
CAMDEN COUNTY**

**THIS PROJECT DOES NOT REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS PER N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.1.**

**THIS DISTRICT REQUESTED NO EFCFA FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT**

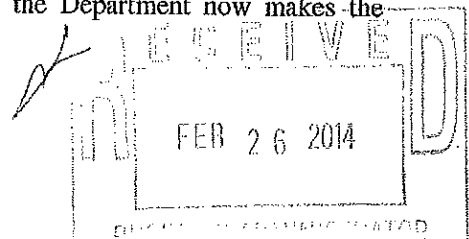
District's Intended Source of Local Project Funding is: PPA

District's Intended Referendum Date (if applicable) is: (N/A)

Dear Dr. Poteat:

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. ("Regulations"). 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 that 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.

This project application has been deemed complete by the Department's Office of School Facilities, has been reviewed under the Act and the Regulations, and, as a result, the Department now makes the following determinations regarding the above referenced project.



## **I. Department Determinations**

- A. If this project involves the following types of building construction work, the District must submit final plans and specification to the Department for review:
1. New school facility,
  2. Addition to school facility,
  3. "Educational" alterations to a school facility per N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.1, and,
  4. Temporary facilities.
- B. This school facilities project **has not** been determined to be an **Emergent Project** by the County Superintendent.
- C. This other capital project is consistent with the District's Long-Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP") as approved or as amended. A LRFP amendment for this non-educational project is hereby granted.
- D. This other capital project is consistent with the District's applicable approved programmatic model contained in the District's approved LRFP, if any.
- E. The District has stated the type of facility to be constructed or rehabilitated (school facility, other facility, etc.) is "Other Facility."
- F. This other capital project meets the educational adequacy requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5, as applicable.
- G. This other capital project, if not subject to the educational adequacy requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5, meets the Department's requirements for schematic plans and/or specifications.

## **II. Description of the Reviewed Other Capital Project**

The reviewed other capital project consists of the following components:

- Through a Power Purchase Agreement, the awarded firm will design, install and maintain a solar photovoltaic system on the roofs of the Middle School at no cost to the Winslow Township School District. The solar panel system will be owned by the awarded firm. A total of 3,416 modules will be installed at 240 watts each for a sum total of 819,840 watts.

Conditions of Department's approval:

- Scopes of work already funded with EFCFA monies are almost certainly not eligible for re-funding.
- Projects with costs over the bid threshold limit must be bid in accordance with NJ Public School Contract Law and other applicable provisions of law and regulations unless otherwise permissible by law.

*In summary:*

**Rehabilitation:**

Total Rehabilitation GSF: 819,840 +/-

**New Construction:**

New Building GSF: 0

Addition GSF: 0

*Department's Comments: (none)*

### **III. Total Project Cost**

The District has stated the total amount of funds, by means of cost estimate, that District intends to expend to complete this other capital project, and amount is: **\$2,988,703.00** (rounded to whole \$1).

### **IV. Actions to Be Taken**

The District may advance the project as follows:

#### **A. Final Plan and Specification Review, or, Uniform Construction Code Review**

If the school facilities project does not require educational adequacy approval, 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. The district may now contact their local code official for code review. If the District prefers to have State review its plans for UCC conformance, a completed approved application including NJDOE project number should be sent directly to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, Education Unit. For contact information please refer to their web address at: <http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/offices>.

If the school facilities project requires final educational adequacy approval, the District must apply with a complete Final Application to the Department for such approval, including the total review fees in the amount as determined under N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5.5. Submit this Final Application to the Department prior to proceeding with review of its construction documents for UCC conformance; only after Final Educational Adequacy Approval may the District advance their project for final Code Review.

#### **B. Local Support and Compliance with Procurement Laws**

The District may proceed to obtain local funding of the other capital project referenced in this review letter, 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 the other capital project, while not subject to the State funding

eligibility criteria of school facilities projects, is 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 there under.

Please contact your Educational Facilities Specialist Jeanne Dunn at the Department's Office of School Facilities (OSF) with any questions regarding this matter at (609) 341-3097 or by email to [jeanne.dunn@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:jeanne.dunn@doe.state.nj.us), or you may contact OSF's Regional Director Frank LoDolce at (609) 292-7078 or by email to [frank.lodolce@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:frank.lodolce@doe.state.nj.us).

Sincerely,



Bernard E. Piaia, Jr., Director  
Office of School Facilities

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**enc: Approved Plans (2)**

- c: Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner
- Dave Corso, Assistant Commissioner, Administration and Finance
- Ann Volk, Offices of the Executive County Superintendent and BA, Camden County
- Frank LoDolce, Regional Director, Office of School Facilities
- Jeanne Dunn, Educational Facilities Specialist, Office of School Facilities
- Tyra McCoy-Banks, District School Business Administrator
- Frank Moore, ARMM Associates, Inc., District's Consultant (w/approved plans)