

June 8, 2015

Mrs. Cynthia M. Vento Board Secretary Plum Borough School District 900 Elicker Road Plum, PA 15239

RE: PLANCON PART B: SCHEMATIC DESIGN

PROJECT NO .:

3830

PROJECT BUILDING NAME:

Regency Park Elementary School

TYPE WORK:

**New Construction** 

COUNTY:

Allegheny

Dear Mrs. Vento:

The materials for PlanCon Part B, "Schematic Design," have been reviewed for the general overall organization and relationships of the spaces, circulation patterns, and the utilization and adequacy of the site. The Schematic Design of the project is approved subject to further refinement in preparation for PlanCon Part E, "Design Development." This approval is based on a limited review of the documents submitted. If information reviewed subsequent to this approval violates law, policy or procedure, the department reserves the right to rescind any and all approvals materially affected.

You are advised that in all school buildings erected after May 1, 1925, or buildings leased or used for school purposes, all entrance and exit doors, as well as all doors leading to or from all regular, special, or general rooms, shall open outward, in accordance with 24 P.S. § 7-739.

Section 731 of the Public School Code of 1949 states that no public school building shall be contracted for, constructed, or reconstructed, in any school district of the second, third, or fourth class until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Education. Departmental approval of final plans and specifications only occurs upon the issuance of written approval of PlanCon Part F, "Construction Documents." For the Philadelphia City and Pittsburgh School Districts, PlanCon Part F must be approved by the Department prior to entering into contracts for a school construction project to qualify for state reimbursement. Failure to comply with the applicable statutory or Departmental requirement will result in denial of reimbursement for this project.

The district should be aware that Departmental approval of PlanCon Part F for this project does <u>not</u> guarantee reimbursement for this project. This project will be deemed eligible for reimbursement only upon written approval of PlanCon Part G, "Project Accounting Based on Bids." Calculation of the temporary reimbursable percent for the project's financing occurs at PlanCon Part H, "Project Financing." The permanent reimbursable percent is calculated at PlanCon Part J, "Project Accounting Based on Final Costs."

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This document should be entered into the minutes of the next board meeting.

Sincerely,

James E. Vogel, R.A. NCARB

Architectural Consultant

Division of Budget & School Facilities Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management

cc: L.R. Kimball

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