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# Connecticut School Construction Standards and Guidelines

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Dear Superintendents:

In 2011, with the signing of Public Act 11-51, Governor Malloy created the School Building Projects Advisory Council (SBPAC) whose mission is, in part, "...to provide recommendations and establish standards and guidelines for achievement on all major capital school construction, renovations, and alterations projects." The Council is dedicated to building and modernizing Connecticut schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in efficiently designed, safe, and environmentally sound facilities, with further reforms designed to provide accountability and protect taxpayer dollars.

Following the recommendations of the Governor and SBPAC, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) formed the School Construction Guidelines Committee (the Committee) and authorized the services of the Warner Concepts, LLC to work with the Committee to develop the new ***Connecticut School Construction Standards and Guidelines***.

The Committee was composed of representatives of DAS, State Department of Education (SDE), Office of Early Childhood (OEC), and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs). The Chairs of the Committee were Deputy Commissioner Ellen E. Cohn (SDE), Director Konstantinos Diamantis, Office of School Construction Grants & Review, (OSCG&R), and State Architect David Barkin (DAS). SBPAC members Glenn Gollenberg, and John Woodmansee were also School Construction Guidelines Committee members. Along with Stephen Armstrong, Leslie Carson, Jacqueline Coleman, Jennifer Webb, Joanne White, Iris White, the SDE was represented by Melissa Hickey, Harold Mackin, and Isabelina Rodriguez. The Office of Early Childhood's input was provided by Andrea Brinnel, Deb Flis, and Amparo Stella Garcia. LEAs were represented by Alfonso Barbarotta, Albert Costa, Joseph Macary, and Michael Yamin. Finally, the Office of School Construction Grants and Review (DAS-SCG&R) contributors were Robert Celmer, Michelle Dixon, Barbara Fabiani, and Kermit Thompson. Chuck Warner led Warner Concepts with support from team members Randy Fischer, Tracy Healy, and Rob Kelly.

The *Standards and Guidelines* is a living document and will continue to evolve and improve overtime. The effort to continue to track the costs of school construction and initiate further reforms to require accountability and protect taxpayer dollars will always be ongoing as cost data is collected, analyzed, and utilized. We are excited about the future of our school buildings, whether they are new or old, small or large, urban or suburban, and the process in which we are involved to improve the school planning and building process and reduce the collective cost to the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melody A. Currey".

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