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City of Waukesha Attn: Charlie Griffith, Associate Planner 201 Delafield Street Waukesha, WI 53188

RE:

Horning MS and Les Paul MS Dumpster Enclosures

Dear Mr. Griffith:

Please accept this letter to be included in the Plan Commission's packet for consideration at the March 3/25/20 meeting. As requested by the Plan Commission at the 12/11/20 meeting, our architect, Bray Architects, provided renderings and options for dumpster enclosures at Butler Middle School, Horning Middle School, and Les Paul Middle School.

Horning Middle School

As indicated on the submitted rendering, the School District of Waukesha requests that a dumpster enclosure not be a requirement of the Horning Middle School project. When budgeting this project in anticipation of a referendum in November 2018, the primary focus was building safety and security upgrades, interior improvements to classrooms and surrounding interior spaces along with an added small exterior entrance. There are no exterior renovations near to the onsite dumpsters. All work on the exterior is at the south elevation; the dumpsters are at the west elevation 300 ft away from where construction is occurring.

After the December Plan Commission meeting, we did request alternate bids on the dumpster enclosure included in Bray's rendering. With the cost of \$83,000 for this dumpster enclosure, and given that we are not disturbing this area, we feel it would be best to focus these funds on projects that will have a greater impact on our students and community. Please accept this request not to require dumpster enclosures at Horning Middle School.

Les Paul Middle School

To screen the new HVAC equipment and existing equipment in the area of the current dumpsters at Les Paul, we decided the best solution would be to include a black vinyl coated fence with black vinyl slats. The fence will help us secure and screen this utility area. With the dumpsters being within the enclosure, adding a masonry dumpster enclosure will not add any aesthetic value as the vinyl slatted fence will screen it. The lowest bid to add this dumpster enclosure was \$63,000. Please accept this request to allow the black vinyl fence to screen this utility area, and not require a masonry dumpster enclosure at Les Paul Middle School.

Funding is always a major factor in developing the final scope for any project. In this case, we would ask that these recommendations be approved to allow for the funds outlined above to be used to bring secure entrances to our three remaining elementary schools.

Sincerely

Darren Clark

CFO/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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