

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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PLANCON PART D: PROJECT ACCOUNTING BASED ON ESTIMATES

June 17, 2011

Mrs. Ruth Huck Board Secretary Warren County School District 185 Hospital Drive North Warren, PA 16365-4885

PROJECT NO.: 3640

PROJECT BUILDING NAME: Eisenhower Middle/Senior High

School

TYPE WORK: Additions/Alterations

COUNTY: Warren

BOARD ACTION: January 10, 2011

Dear Mrs. Huck:

The materials for PlanCon Part D, "Project Accounting Based on Estimates," have been reviewed and approved. 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.

Please note the corrections to Pages D05, D08, D09, D14(1), D14(2), D16, D17, D18 and D19.

The Warren County School District has been allocated \$23,500,000 for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program. All bond-related documents and expenditure documentation related to this program should be retained for future auditing purposes. If the school district plans to seek state reimbursement through the PlanCon process for any school construction projects authorized under this program, QZAB financing costs and revenue sources must be reported on PlanCon Part G, "Project Accounting Based on Bids." If the school district decides not to use the QZAB allocation or will not be using the full amount allocated, please notify the Division of School Facilities in writing so that allocations can be granted to other qualifying school districts.

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The Local Government Unit Debt Act permits school districts to exclude subsidized debt from non-electoral and lease rental debt for the purpose of establishing net outstanding debt. For subsidized debt to be excluded, a copy of the Commonwealth's preliminary approval for the project and the related bonds or notes for reimbursement must be filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development. A copy of Page D14, Estimated Temporary Reimbursable Percent for Each Bond Issue, for each of the bond issues financing this project is attached solely for this purpose.

The "Prime Contractor Certification" (Page G08) will be required from each prime contractor as part of the PlanCon Part G, Project Accounting Based on Bids, submission for this project. Specifications should require that such information be provided by the successful bidders. Suggested language to be included in the bid specifications is included in the instructions for PlanCon Part F, Construction Documents.

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 school 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 and any appended materials should be entered into the minutes of the next school board meeting. This submission was reviewed by Cheryl Harmon, who may be contacted at (717) 787-5480.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Dengel, Chief

Division of School Facilities

Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management

Attachments

cc: WTW Architects
Project File – 3640
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Chronological File
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