

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
CIVIL DIVISION

GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-vs-

BUEHRER GROUP ARCHITECTURE
& ENGINEERING, INC., et al.

Defendants.

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: Case No. 2014 CV-0161

: Judge Gary L. Yost

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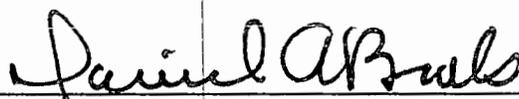
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PLAINTIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL
FILING OF EXHIBITS TO COMPLAINT

It has come to Plaintiffs' attention that Exhibits A-E were inadvertently not attached to the Complaint herein filed with the Court on February 25, 2014. Therefore, Plaintiffs are filing Exhibits A-E to be attached to the Complaint and mailing copies of same to all defendants by certified mail return receipt requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of Plaintiffs' Supplemental Filing of Exhibits to Complaint was served upon the following parties of record by certified mail, postage prepaid, this 26th day of March, 2014.

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aka McMillan Construction Company
c/o David O. McMillan
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Louisville, KY 40223

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c/o Agent: Schiff, Kreidler-Shell, Inc.
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Cincinnati, OH 45202

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Des Moines, Iowa 50321

Merchants Bonding Company
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AGREEMENT
FOR
PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES
(CONSTRUCTION MANAGER INVOLVED)

sent 4/22/02

This Agreement for Professional Design Services (this "Agreement"), is made as of April 1, 2002, by and between the Grand Valley Local School District Board of Education ("School District Board"), whose contact person and address is set out below, and *Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc.*, ("Architect") whose contact person and address is set forth below.

The School District Board, under the conditions named herein, does employ the Architect to provide professional services with respect to the Project (the "Project"). The School District Board and the Architect each acknowledge that the Ohio School Facilities Commission (the "Commission") is an intended third party beneficiary of this Agreement, so as to permit the Commission to obtain full performance of the Architect's obligations under this Agreement.

The School District Board and the Architect further acknowledge that Construction Management services will be provided by RP Carbone Company (the "Construction Manager") pursuant to a contract with the Commission whose contact persons are set forth below:

Project Name: Grand Valley Local School District

Project Number:

School District Board:

Contact Person: John Sheets, Superintendent
Address: 7527 Route 45, North Orwell, OH 44067
Phone Number(s): (440) 437-6570
Fax Number(s): (440) 437-1025

Architect:

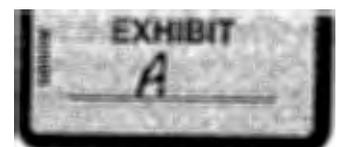
Contact Person: Huber H. Buehrer, FAIA, PE
Address: 314 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537
Phone Number(s): (419) 893-9021
Fax Number(s): (419) 893-9027

Ohio School Facilities Commission:

Contact Person: Jeff Tuckerman
Address: 88 E. Broad St., Suite 1400, Columbus, OH 43215
Phone Number(s): (614) 466-6290
Fax Number(s): (614) 466-7749

Construction Manager:

Contact Person: Robert Speight
Address: 5885 Landerbrook Drive, Cleveland, OH 44124
Phone Number(s): (440) 449-6750
Fax Number(s):



WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has appropriated funds for the Project to the Commission as more fully itemized in the applicable Controlling Board Request and the applicable Office of Budget and Management Encumbrance; and

WHEREAS, the School District Board has received a favorable vote of the electors of the school district on the propositions required for the Project, as required by Section 3318.05(A) and (B) of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Architect desires, and is capable and licensed, to provide professional design services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, unless adjusted as provided herein, the Basic Fee and any Approved Additional Fees payable to the Architect under this Agreement shall not exceed *One Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,896,390.00)*.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the School District Board and the Architect agree as follows:

ARTICLE I RESPONSIBILITIES OF ARCHITECT

1.0 The Architect shall obtain a copy of the Ohio School Design Manual ("Design Manual"). The Architect shall endeavor to ensure that the plans, specifications and materials proposed for use in the Project comply with the standards established by the Design Manual and Commission Policies. The Architect agrees that any Variance Request will be submitted to the Commission 30 days before the completion of the Design Development Phase.

1.1 Architect's Services

1.1.1 Scope of Services; Applicable Law. The Architect shall provide professional design services as defined in Section 153.65(c) of the Ohio Revised Code, including without limitation, services customarily furnished in accordance with generally accepted architectural and engineering practices, for the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Architect shall provide such services in accordance with the applicable Sections of the Ohio Revised Code, any applicable state rules and regulations, any applicable federal and local statutes, ordinances, rules, building codes and regulations, and the School District Board's Program of Requirements (comprised of, without limitation, the Master Plan, Bracketing Forms and Summary of Renovations, Project Budget and Cost Estimates) as incorporated by reference herein. The Architect shall cooperate with the Construction Manager in performing its services hereunder.

1.1.2 Construction Budget. The total amount available for the construction of the Project is *Thirty-One Million Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 42/100 Dollars (\$31,088,360.42)* (the "Construction Budget"). The Commission and the School District Board shall give written notice to the Architect and Construction Manager of any change in the Construction Budget. It is recognized that the Commission, School District Board, Architect and Construction Manager do not have control over the costs of labor, materials or equipment, over Contractors' methods of determining bid prices, or over competitive bidding, market or negotiating conditions. Accordingly, the Architect cannot and does not warrant or represent that bids or negotiated prices will not vary from the Construction Budget or from any estimate of cost or evaluation prepared by or agreed to by the Architect. However, the Architect acknowledges the Construction Budget and will perform its services hereunder with that Budget in mind.

1.1.3 Timeliness; Standard of Care. The Architect shall perform services hereunder in an efficient and timely manner in accordance with professional standards of skill, care and due and reasonable diligence in a timely manner expected of architects with experience in designing school buildings similar in design and function to the Project in accordance with the Project Schedule and so that the Project shall be completed as expeditiously and economically as possible within the Construction Budget and as is consistent with professional skill, due care and in the best interests of the Commission and the School District Board.

1.1.4 Design Schedule. Within thirty (30) days after the execution of this Agreement, the Architect shall submit to the Construction Manager a Design Schedule for the performance of the Architect's services which shall include allowances for reasonable periods of time required for the review and approval of items by the Commission and the School District Board and, as applicable, for approvals of governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project. The Construction Manager shall review and coordinate the Design Schedule with the proposed Construction Schedule to produce a Project Schedule. Upon approval of the Project Schedule by the Architect and the Construction Manager, the Construction Manager shall submit the Project Schedule to the School District Board and the Commission for approval. The Project Schedule, when approved by the School District Board and the Commission, shall not be exceeded without notice and adjustment of the Project Schedule approved by the School District Board and the Commission.

1.1.5 Personnel. The identities of the principal persons, and the extent of their participation in performing the Architect's services as set forth in this Agreement, shall not be altered without the written consent of the School District Board. A list of those principal persons is attached as Appendix B.

1.1.6 Non-Discrimination. The Architect represents that the Architect is in compliance with all applicable equal employment opportunity requirements under law as required by Section 153.59 of the Ohio Revised Code and any other applicable state or federal laws.

1.1.7 Consultants. The Architect may provide services through one or more consultants employed by the Architect (the "Consultants"); provided the Architect shall remain responsible to the School District Board for all duties and obligations of the Architect under this Agreement. Should the Architect desire to employ a Consultant or Consultants to assist the Architect in performing services for the Project, the Architect shall, in writing, state the scope of services to be performed by the Consultant or Consultants and identify the Consultant or Consultants and their business addresses and shall seek the School District Board's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The identity of any Consultant, and the extent of such Consultant's participation in, performing the Architect's services shall not be altered without the consent of the School District Board.

1.1.8 Anti-Abuse of Drugs and Alcohol. The Architect shall make a good faith effort to ensure that no employee of the Architect or any Consultant or Consultant's employees, will purchase, transfer, use or possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or abuse legally obtained drugs while on or about the Project or use tobacco or bring firearms, ordinance or other dangerous materials onto the property of the School District Board. Except for the term "employee," terms in this Subparagraph are used as defined in Rule 123:1-76 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

1.1.9 Ethics. The Architect represents that it is familiar with all applicable ethics law requirements, including without limitation Sections 102.04 and 3517.13 of the Ohio Revised Code, and certifies that it is not and has not engaged in any activity which would cause it or another person to not be in compliance with such requirements.

1.1.10 Ohio Services. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the Architect's services shall be performed within the State of Ohio.

1.1.11 Limitation of Authority. The Architect shall not have any authority to bind the Commission or the School District Board for the payment of any costs or expenses without the express written approval of the Commission or the School District Board, as applicable. The Architect shall have authority to act on behalf of the Commission and the School District Board only to the extent provided herein. The Architect's authority to act on behalf of the Commission and the School District Board shall be modified only by an amendment in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2.

1.1.12 Approval or Disapproval of Architect's Work. The Commission and the School District Board shall have the right to reasonably disapprove any portion of the Architect's work on the Project, including, without limitation, any design work or documents or Drawings prepared by the Architect. In the event that any portion of the Architect's work is disapproved by the Commission or the School District Board, the Architect shall proceed, when directed by the Commission or School District Board, with corrections to the work, documents or Drawings prepared or performed for that Phase to attempt to satisfy the objections. The Architect acknowledges that any review or approval by the Commission and the School District Board of any work, documents or Drawings prepared or performed by the Architect pursuant to this Agreement shall not relieve the Architect of the Architect's responsibility to properly and timely perform such work and prepare such documents and Drawings.

1.1.13 Safety. The Architect acknowledges that the safety of the School District's students, employees and guests is of the utmost importance. The Architect will take no action which would jeopardize the safety of the School District's students, employees, or guests and, without the School District Board's written approval, shall take no action which would interfere with the School District Board's activities. The School District Board reserves the right to require the Architect and its employees and any Consultants and the Consultant's employees to wear identification (subject to applicable safety standards), to stay in designated work areas at all times while on the School District Board's property and to record on a log the Architect's or Consultant's presence immediately upon entering the School District Board's property. The School District Board shall have the right to effect through the Architect the immediate removal of the Architect's employee or any Consultant or Consultant's employees from the Project Site for failure to wear identification, for being outside a designated work area, for fraternizing with or engaging in any improper behavior directed toward or in the vicinity of students, employees or guests of the School District Board or for other good cause shown.

ARTICLE II

SCOPE OF ARCHITECT'S BASIC SERVICES

2.1 General

2.1.1 Basic Services to be provided by the Architect shall consist of the six (6) phases set forth in Paragraphs 2.1 through 2.7 inclusive, and include without limitation normal architectural, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, and landscape design and engineering services for the Project, and any necessary signage and graphics, acoustics, computers, communications, fixtures, furnishings, interior design and equipment. It is recognized that the School District Board's Program of Requirements may consist of multiple Pre-Design, Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Document, Bidding/Negotiation, and Construction Phases and Project Closeout. Attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein is Appendix A setting forth the element of the minimum phase submission requirements for each of the design phases for the Project.

2.2 Pre-design Phase (Program Development/Confirmation)

2.2.1 Program of Requirements. The Architect, in conjunction with the Construction Manager, shall visit the Project Site(s) to familiarize themselves with the conditions and limitations thereof, prior to the Architect providing an evaluation of the School District Board's educational requirements, schedule and budget requirements, including the Construction Budget, each in terms of the other, to the School District Board, the Commission, and the Construction Manager.

2.2.2 Program of Requirements and Revisions. The Architect shall, through a process of interviews, compile, date, and sign the Program of Requirements, and deliver the same to the School District Board for written approval and deliver a copy of the signed Program of Requirements to the Commission and Construction Manager. If any changes or adjustments to the Program of Requirements are desired at any time after the Program of Requirements has been delivered to the Commission, the Architect shall prepare a written amendment to the Program of Requirements describing the changes or adjustments, obtain the School District Board's written approval thereof and deliver the amendment to the Commission and the Construction Manager for review, comment and consent. The Program of Requirements, as amended, shall determine the Scope of the Project.

2.2.3 Site Conditions. The Architect shall assist the School District Board and the Construction Manager in obtaining proposals to test surface and subsoil conditions at the site, obtaining additional borings, and carrying out any other test or evaluation related to the site as may be recommended by the Architect or the Construction Manager and authorized by the School District Board.

2.3 Schematic Design Phase (Preliminary Drawings)

2.3.1 Consultation. The Architect shall identify and analyze requirements of governmental authorities having jurisdiction to approve design of the Project and participate in consultations with such authorities. The Architect shall further investigate existing conditions and verify the information provided by the School District Board, as reasonably necessary and practical.

2.3.2 Recommendations and Costs. The Architect shall review site use and improvements and alternative approaches to selection of materials, building systems and equipment with the School District Board as related to the Ohio School Design Manual.

2.3.3 Preliminary Life Cycle Analysis. In accordance with Section 123.011 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 123:4 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Architect shall prepare and submit three (3) copies of alternative design concepts for a Preliminary Life Cycle Analysis to the School District Board unless a different number is required by the School District Board. The Architect will provide a copy to the Construction Manager. This subparagraph does not apply if the Architect utilizes a system set forth in the Design Manual. The applicable Life Cycle Analysis calculations have already been prepared for systems contained in the Design Manual.

2.3.4 Schematic Design Documents. Based upon the Program of Requirements, and the Project Schedule and Construction Budget requirements, the Architect shall prepare Schematic Design Documents consisting of architectural drawings and other documents illustrating the scale of the Project and the relationship of components of the Project to one another and of the Project to surrounding properties. Upon completion of the Schematic Design Phase, the Architect shall provide four (4) copies of the Schematic Design Documents to the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission. A meeting shall then be held between the Architect, the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission where the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission may make comments or suggestions to the Architect. After receiving these comments and suggestions, the Architect shall submit an amended set of Schematic Design Documents to the School District Board and obtain its approval in writing, then

forward the approved amended set of Schematic Design Documents to the Commission for final review and approval.

2.3.5. Preliminary Cost Estimates. Based upon the Program of Requirements and the Schematic Design Documents, the Architect shall assist the Construction Manager to prepare and submit a Statement of Probable Construction Cost based on current area volume and other unit costs, for approval of the School District Board. The Architect and the Construction Manager shall review any difference between the Construction Budget and the Statement of Probable Construction Cost, identify reasons for any difference and recommend means to eliminate the difference to the School District Board and the Commission.

2.4 Design Development Phase (Basic Drawings)

2.4.1 Life Cycle Analysis. In accordance with Section 123.011 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 123:4 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Architect shall prepare and submit three (3) copies of a Life Cycle Cost Analysis to the School District Board and submit copies to the Construction Manager. This Subparagraph does not apply if the Architect utilizes a system set forth in the Design Manual. The applicable Life Cycle Analysis calculations have already been prepared for systems contained in the Design Manual.

2.4.2 Design Development Documents. Based on the approved Schematic Design Documents, the Program of Requirements, the approved Statement of Probable Construction Cost and the approved Project Schedule, the Architect shall prepare Design Development Documents consisting of drawings, outline specifications and other documents to fix and describe the size and character of the Project as to architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical systems, materials, and such other essential elements as may be appropriate. Upon completion of the Design Development Phase, the Architect shall provide four (4) copies of the Design Development Document to the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission. A meeting will then be held between the Architect, the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission, at which the Construction Manager, the School District Board, and the Commission may make comments or suggestions to the Architect. After receiving these comments and suggestions, the Architect shall submit an amended set of Design Development Documents to the School District Board and obtain its approval in writing, then forward the approved amended set of Design Development Documents to the Commission for final revision and approval.

2.4.3 Cost Estimate and Project Schedule. Based upon the Program of Requirements and the Design Development Documents, the Architect shall assist the Construction Manager to prepare and submit a Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and a Project Schedule indicating milestone completion dates for approval by the School District Board. In establishing the Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost, the Construction Manager shall include reasonable contingencies for design, bidding and price escalation and determine in conjunction with the School District Board and the Architect the materials, equipment, component systems and types of construction to be included in the Contract Documents. The Architect and the Construction Manager shall review any difference between the Construction Budget or the Statement of Probable Construction Cost and the Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost, identify reasons for any difference and recommend means to eliminate the difference, if necessary. The Architect, the Construction Manager and the School District Board shall agree upon the means to eliminate any difference between the Construction Budget and the Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost, and the Construction Manager shall prepare a report describing the agreed upon means. The Architect and the Construction Manager shall review any differences between the initial Project Schedule and the updated Project Schedule, identify reasons for the differences and recommend whether the differences should be eliminated and, the means to eliminate the differences. If the Architect, the Construction Manager and the

School District Board agree to eliminate any such differences, the Construction Manager shall prepare a report describing the agreed upon means. The Architect, the Construction Manager and the School District Board shall make any necessary amendments to the Program of Requirements in accordance with Subparagraph 2.2.2.

2.5 Construction Documents Phase (Contract Documents)

2.5.1 Drawings and Specifications. Based on the approved Design Development Documents, approved Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost, approved Project Schedule and any further revisions to the Program of Requirements, the Architect shall prepare, for approval by the School District Board and the Commission, Drawings and Specifications setting forth in detail the requirements for the construction of the Project. With the consent of the School District Board, the Architect may include approved Alternates in the Contract Documents. The Drawings and Specifications shall encourage competition, shall provide for construction by multiple prime contractors as required by the Ohio Revised Code and, shall be complete and unambiguous and in accordance with all applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, laws, regulations, except to the extent stated otherwise in writing by the Architect for necessary variances and waivers at the time of submission thereof by the Architect to the School District Board and the Commission for approval. In preparing the Drawings and Specifications, the Architect shall consider the scope of the Work, general market conditions, including without limitation, any analysis of labor provided by the Construction Manager. The Architect shall not amend the Standard Conditions except by Special Conditions approved by the School District Board and the Commission in writing. From time to time, the Architect shall make any necessary revisions to the Drawings and Specifications. Upon completion of the Contract Documents, the Architect shall provide seven (7) copies of the Drawings and Specifications to the Construction Manager who shall submit three (3) copies each to the School District Board and the Commission for review and approval. The Architect shall revise the Drawings and Specifications to incorporate comments from the Construction Manager, School District Board and the Commission and shall submit a copy of the revised Drawings and Specifications to the Construction Manager, the School District Board and the Commission.

2.5.2 Revisions to Cost Estimate and Project Schedule. The Architect shall advise in writing the School District Board and the Construction Manager of the need for any changes in the Project requirements or in construction materials, systems or equipment as the Drawings and Specifications are developed and any adjustments required in the Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and the Project Schedule. Upon approval of the School District Board and the Commission of any such changes or adjustments, the Architect shall assist the Construction Manager in preparing a revised Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost or a revised Project Schedule, as applicable, incorporating such changes or adjustments. The Construction Manager shall submit a copy of the revised Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost or the revised Project Schedule, as applicable, obtain the School District Board's signature thereon and deliver the approved revisions to the Commission.

2.5.3 Bidding Documents. The Architect shall assist the Construction Manager in the preparation of all of the documents necessary for bidding of Contracts. The Architect shall review and provide comments to the School District Board and the Construction Manager on all of the bidding documents. The Architect shall consult with, and provide recommendations to, the Construction Manager, with regard to the appropriate number and division of bid packages.

2.5.4 Government Approvals. In cooperation with the Construction Manager, the Architect shall submit to the Division of Code Compliance of the Department of Commerce of the State of Ohio, such sets of the Drawings and Specifications as the Division may require for approval, together with any necessary completed applications and all required fees. The Architect, with the assistance of the Construction Manager, shall secure any necessary National Pollution Discharge Elimination System

Storm Water General Permit by submitting a notice of intent application form to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at least forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the Construction Phase, shall prepare and certify a storm water pollution prevention plan to provide sediment and erosion controls at the Project and shall prepare and process the required notice of termination prior to Contract Completion. In cooperation with the Construction Manager, the Architect shall assist the School District Board and the Commission in filing documents with, and obtaining the necessary approvals of, all governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, including without limitation, the provision and explanation of technical and design data and participation in consultations with appropriate officials.

2.5.5 Additional Filings. Upon approval of the governmental authorities pursuant to Section 2.5.4, the Architect shall obtain four (4) sets of corrected copies of the Drawings and Specifications bearing approval stamps of those authorities. The Architect shall retain one set and distribute the other corrected copies as follows:

- (a) One set to the School District Board,
- (b) One set to the Construction Manager,
- (c) One set to the Commission.

2.5.6 Labor Recommendations. The Architect shall review and comment upon any analysis prepared by the Construction Manager of the types and quantities of labor required for the Project, the availability of appropriate categories of labor required for all Contracts and recommendations for actions designed to minimize adverse effects of labor shortages.

2.6 Bidding or Negotiation Phase (Bidding Assistance and Recommendation)

2.6.1 Addenda. The Architect shall render interpretations and clarifications of the Contract Documents in Addenda and submit the proposed interpretations and clarifications to the Construction Manager for review and distribution.

2.6.2 Pre-bid Conferences. The Architect and their consultants shall attend and participate in the pre-bid conferences to be conducted by the Construction Manager for review of the Project scope with prospective bidders.

2.6.3 Bid Review. The Architect shall assist the Construction Manager, review all bids received for responsiveness, participate in investigating the responsibility of Bidders and deliver a written recommendation of the Architect and the Construction Manager to the School District Board and the Commission about the award of, or rejection of, any bid or bids for each Contract for the Project in accordance with applicable law. In making the recommendation, all applicable Alternates referenced in the Contract Documents shall be evaluated.

2.6.4 Bid Substitutions. Substitutions contained in the bid of any Bidder shall not be considered by the Architect in recommending the award of any Contract.

2.6.5 Pre-award Conferences. The Architect shall attend pre-award conferences between the Construction Manager and the apparently successful Bidders. The Construction Manager shall notify the Architect in a timely manner as to the schedule for the conferences.

2.6.6 Subcontractor and Material Supplier Review. The Architect, based upon review of the Contract Documents, any past experience and reasonable inquiry, shall assist the Construction Manager in investigating any Subcontractor or Material Supplier proposed by any Contractor and recommend approval or disapproval in accordance with the Standard Conditions.

2.6.7 Over Budget Options. If the Construction Budget is exceeded by the total of the lowest responsive and responsible bids and any legally negotiated prices for the Project, the Commission and the School District Board shall, at their option (1) approve in writing an increase in the Construction Budget; (2) authorize re-bidding or re-negotiation for some or all parts of the Project within a reasonable time without an increase in the Construction Budget; (3) abandon the Project, in whole or in part, and terminate this Agreement in accordance with Subparagraph 8.1.2 or Subparagraph 8.1.4, as applicable; or (4) cooperate in the revision of the Scope of the Project as defined in Subparagraph 2.2.2 to reduce the actual cost of construction to the Construction Budget. If the Commission and the School District Board elect option (1) and such increase in the Construction Budget is more than ten percent (10%), the Architect may request, in writing, an adjustment to the Basic Fee in accordance with Subparagraph 5.5.5 of this Agreement. If the Commission and the School District Board elect options (2), (3) or (4), the Architect shall modify the Program of Requirements, the Project Schedule and the Contract Documents and cooperate in any necessary bidding or negotiation without additional compensation.

2.6.8 Further Revisions to Cost Estimate and Project Schedule. The Architect and the Construction Manager shall advise the Commission and the School District Board of the need for any adjustments in the Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and the Project Schedule. Upon approval of the Commission and the School District Board of any such adjustments, the Architect shall assist the Construction Manager in preparing a revised Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost or a revised Project Schedule, as applicable, incorporating such adjustments. The Construction Manager shall obtain the School District Board's signature thereon and deliver the signed, revised Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost or Project Schedule to the Commission.

2.6.9 Contract Execution Notices. The Architect shall assist the Construction Manager and School District Board as needed in the preparation and issuance of Notices of Award and Notices to Proceed, preparation and execution of the Construction Contracts, preparation and issuance of Notices to Surety and the Notice of Commencement.

2.7 Construction Phase (Administration of Construction)

2.7.1 Duration; Extent, Access. The Construction Phase will commence with the award of a Contract for any portion of the Project to a Contractor and will terminate upon the Final Acceptance of the Project by the Commission and the School District Board, provided that the Architect shall thereafter perform, as a part of Basic Services, such services as shall be reasonably necessary in connection with the correction by a Contractor or any subcontractor of any defects in the Project appearing during the applicable warranty period(s) and such services as may be necessary to correct any defects resulting from the Architect's failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement. The Architect shall provide its services during the Construction Phase in accordance with this Agreement. The Architect and the Construction Manager shall at all reasonable times have access to the Project.

2.7.2 Interpretations and General Responsibilities. The Architect shall render interpretations of the Contract Documents necessary for the proper execution or progress of the Work on the Project. All interpretations shall be in writing, shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents and shall be delivered to the Construction Manager for distribution to the School District Board and each applicable Contractor.

2.7.3 Investigation of Condition of Facilities. For renovation and remodeling, the Architect, with the assistance of the Construction Manager, shall, as portions of the Project become accessible and as reasonably necessary, investigate existing conditions and assist in determining the accuracy of information provided by the School District Board about existing conditions.

2.7.4 Site Visits and Inspections. The Architect and appropriate Consultants shall visit the Project at appropriate intervals and, at such intervals as the Architect and the School District Board agree, to review the Work of each Contractor for Defective Work, to become familiar with the progress and quality of the Work on the Project and to determine if the Work is proceeding in conformity with the Contract Documents. Such visits shall specifically include, without limitation, the observation of large excavations, observation of footings during placement of concrete and observation of masonry work, structural steel erection, roofing work and interior finishes. In all events, the Architect or its representative and appropriate Consultants shall be on the site of the Project for such purposes not less than 32 hours per week whenever any Work is in preparation or progress, unless otherwise expressly provided in writing by the School District Board. The School District reserves the right to require the Architect or his representative to be at the Project Site 32 hours per week as part of the Architect's Basic Fee. If the Architect shall become aware, either through such visits or otherwise of any Defective Work on the Project, the Architect shall provide a written report of all Defective Work to the School District Board and the Construction Manager, together with recommendations for the correction thereof.

2.7.5 Reserved Section

2.7.6 Construction Schedule. The Architect shall review and approve for conformance with the Contract Documents the Construction Schedule prepared by the Construction Manager. If such conditions indicate that milestone completion dates shown on the Project Schedule may not be met, the Architect shall recommend corrective action to the Construction Manager. When the Project Schedule is revised or updated, the Construction Manager shall prepare a revised Project Schedule and obtain the Architect's signature thereon and deliver the revised Project Schedule to the School District Board.

2.7.7 Meetings. The Architect shall participate in pre-construction, progress, quality control and special meetings with the Construction Manager, the School District Board, potential bidders and bidders, appropriate Consultants, the Contractors and any other parties involved in the Project to discuss such matters as procedures, progress, problems, scheduling and coordination. The Architect shall participate in partnering meetings with the Construction Manager, the School District Board, appropriate Consultants, the Contractors and other parties involved in the Project.

2.7.8 Tests; Inspections. The Architect shall advise and consult with the Construction Manager and the School District Board during the Construction Phase as to the need for any special testing, inspections or approval of Work on the Project.

2.7.9 Submittal Review. The Architect shall receive from the Construction Manager, for the Architect's review, approval or other appropriate action, Contractor submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data and Samples, for conformity with the Contract Documents. The Architect shall also review drawings, calculations and designs required of Contractors and provided with such submittals (except calculations and designs of manufacturers of original equipment and systems to be installed in the Project and except calculations and designs which the Contract Documents expressly make the sole responsibility of one or more Contractors, Subcontractors, Material Suppliers or other persons).

2.7.10 Bulletins; Change Orders. The Architect shall prepare Bulletins and other necessary documentation for changes in the Work and submit each Bulletin to the Construction Manager for review and processing. In consultation with the Construction Manager, and Architect shall prepare all Change Orders and all Drawings, Specifications and other required documents or supporting data. The Construction Manager shall keep a log of all requests for information, Field Work Orders, Bulletins, Contractor Proposals and Change Orders.

2.7.11 Project Costs. The Architect shall monitor Project costs on all Work performed by Contractors under unit costs, actual costs for labor and materials, or other appropriate basis. The Architect shall afford access to these records at all times to the Commission, the School District Board and the Construction Manager.

2.7.12 Contractor Payments. Based upon the Architect's review of the Work and evaluations of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the Architect shall review and approve, modify or reject the amounts shown on such Applications as being due to the Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents. Each Application for Payment shall be signed by the Architect and the Construction Manager, then delivered to the School District Board. The Architect's certification of an Application for Payment shall constitute a representation to the School District Board, based on the Architect's observations at the site and on the recommendations of the Construction Manager that, to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief, the Work has progressed to the point indicated and the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents. The foregoing representations are subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial Completion, to results of subsequent tests and inspections, to minor deviations from the Contract Documents correctable prior to completion and to specific qualifications expressed by the Architect. The issuance of a Certificate for Payment shall further constitute a representation by the Architect that to the best of the Architect's skill, knowledge and belief the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified.

2.7.13 Partial Occupancy. The Architect shall assist the Construction Manager and the School District Board in determining dates of Partial Occupancy of the Work or portions thereof designated by the School District Board and shall assist in obtaining any necessary certificate from any applicable government authority. Prior to partial occupancy the Architect shall prepare lists of incomplete or unsatisfactory Work and submit them to the School District Board and the Construction Manager.

2.7.14 Contract Closeout. Upon receipt of a Contractor's Punch List, the Construction Manager shall provide written notice to the Commission, the School District Board and the Architect that the Work is ready for Final Inspection. The Architect shall assist the Construction Manager in conducting the Final Inspection. If applicable, the Architect shall prepare an Architect's Punch List and transmit it to the Construction Manager and the Contractor. The Architect shall transmit a copy of any guarantees, warranties, releases, bonds and waivers in its possession to the Commission. The original documents are public records to be provided to the School District Board.

2.7.15 Contractor Claims. The Architect shall review claims from Contractors for additional compensation and equitable adjustment of compensation, and shall deliver a written recommendation to the Construction Manager and the School District Board about each claim and attend any dispute resolution meetings related to each claim.

2.7.16 Record Drawings. Based on marked-up prints, drawings or data provided by the Contractors and the As Built Drawings transmitted by the Construction Manager, the Architect shall furnish to the School District Board one (1) set of Record Drawings in the form of reproducible Drawings correctly marked to show the Project as completed in the form of mylar tracings, one (1) set of all other Contract Documents showing the Project as completed in the form of paper documents and one (1) set of all Contract Documents showing the Project as completed on a computer medium approved by the School District Board. The Record Drawings, to the best of the Architect's knowledge based upon the As-Built Drawings delivered to the Architect by the Contractors and the Architect's observations during the progress of the Project, shall detail the actual construction of the Project and contain such annotations by the Architect as may be necessary for

someone unfamiliar with the Project to understand the changes that were made to the original Drawings.

2.7.17 Contractor Responsibilities. The Architect shall not be responsible for and shall not have control or charge of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures or scheduling used by a Contractor to comply with the Contractor's obligations under its Contract for the Project or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work on the Project. The Architect shall not be responsible for or have control or charge over the acts or omissions of Contractors or Subcontractors or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing any Work on the Project. The Architect does have a duty to inform the School District Board and the Construction Manager if work is not being completed according to the Construction Documents.

2.7.18 11-Month Inspection. The Architect shall participate in the eleven-month walk-through of the Project with the School District Board one month prior to the expiration of the one year guarantee provided by the Contractor. The Architect shall consult with the Construction Manager and the School District Board to address any issue identified in the walk-through according to the procedures specified in the Standard Conditions.

ARTICLE III ADDITIONAL SERVICES

3.1 General

3.1.1 The following services are not included in Basic Services and must be approved in writing by the School District Board with the concurrence of the Commission. The following services shall be paid for as provided in this Agreement in addition to the compensation for Basic Services; provided, however, the Architect shall not be compensated for any of the following services made necessary by the act or omission of the Architect or any Consultant.

3.1.2 Additional On-Site Services. Providing administration or observation of construction beyond those services to be provided as Basic Services pursuant to Subparagraph 2.7.4.

3.1.3 Scheduling Consultant. Serving as a construction scheduling consultant.

3.1.4 Perspectives, Models, Renderings. Preparing professional perspectives, models or renderings that are not otherwise useful or necessary to the Architect in the provision of Basic Services hereunder at the written request of the Commission or the School District Board.

3.1.5 Grant Applications. Preparing applications and supporting documents for governmental grants, loans or advances.

3.1.6 Special Studies. Providing planning, site evaluations, environmental studies, or comparative studies of prospective sites, and preparing special surveys, studies and submissions required for approval of governmental authorities or others having jurisdiction over the Project.

3.1.7 Surveys. Providing surveying services including land surveys and rights-of-way studies.

3.1.8 Constructability and Cost Analyses. Preparing analyses of the construction feasibility of the Project or of owning and operating costs or preparing detailed quantity surveys or inventories of material, equipment and labor beyond those services to be provided as Basic Services.

3.1.9 Off-Site Services. Providing planning or design services for off-site utilities which are not adjacent to the Project, building connections or roadways.

3.1.10 Certain Revisions. Making revisions in Drawings, Specifications or other Contract Documents when such revisions are inconsistent with written approvals or instructions previously given or are required by the enactment or revision of codes, laws or regulations subsequent to the preparation of such documents.

3.1.11 Replacement Work. Providing consultation concerning replacement of any Work on the Project damaged by fire, casualty or other cause not due to negligence of the Architect or any Consultant and furnishing services as may be required in connection with the replacement of such Work.

3.1.12 Contractor Default. Providing services made necessary by the default of a Contractor.

3.1.13 Additional Documents. Preparing more than the sets of Contract Documents required as Basic Services pursuant to Subparagraphs 2.5.1, 2.6.3 and 2.6.8.

3.1.14 Asbestos. Providing services related to identifying, surveying, remediating, removing or disposing of asbestos.

ARTICLE IV

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AND THE COMMISSION

4.1 Required Actions. The Commission and the School District Board shall review, approve or take such actions as are required of them by this Agreement, the Contract Documents and applicable law in a reasonable and timely manner.

4.2 Instructions to Contractors. All instructions of the Commission or the School District Board to Contractors shall be through, or in consultation with, the Construction Manager, with notice to the Architect.

4.3 School District Board's Requirements. The School District Board and the Commission shall provide full information regarding its requirements for the Project including, without limitation, the Program of Requirements, any agreement related to the Project, design and construction standards and work rules which shall set forth the School District Board's and the Commission's use, design, time and financial objectives, constraints and criteria, including space requirements and relationships, flexibility and expandability, time constraints imposed by fiscal and budgetary considerations, special equipment and systems and site requirements.

4.4 Stated Representative. If any party shall change its stated representative as set forth on Page 1 of this Agreement, they shall notify all other parties of that change immediately in writing.

4.5 Site Description. If reasonably requested by the Architect as necessary for the Project, the School District Board shall furnish a legal description and a certified land survey of the site, giving as applicable, grades and lines of streets, alleys, pavements and adjoining property, rights-of-way, restrictions, easements, encroachments, zoning, deed restrictions, boundaries and contours of the site; locations, dimensions, and complete data pertaining to existing building, other improvements and trees; and full information concerning available service and utility lines both public and private, above and below grade, including inverts and depths. The Architect and the Construction Manager

shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of information provided by the School District Board under this Paragraph.

4.6 Notice to Architect. If the School District Board or the Commission observes or otherwise becomes aware of any Defective Work or other fault or defect in the Project, prompt notice thereof shall be given to the Architect and the Construction Manager.

4.7 Legal Representation. The School District Board and the Commission shall not be responsible to provide, or pay for, any legal representation of the Architect.

ARTICLE V COMPENSATION

5.1 Total Compensation. The total compensation of the Architect and all Consultants shall consist of the Basic Fee, any Approved Additional Services and Reimbursable Expenses and shall not exceed the total amount of *One Million Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$1,959,510.00)*.

5.2 Basic Fee.

5.2.1 Amount of Basic Fee. For all of its services hereunder, the School District Board agrees to pay the Architect a Basic Fee of One Million Eight Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,896,390). This Basic Fee represents 6.10 percent of the Construction Budget set forth in Subparagraph 1.2. A change in the Basic Fee may be made only by an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2.

5.2.2 Extent of Basic Fee. The Architect's Basic Fee includes all compensation for Basic Services, including without limitation, for salaries or other compensation of the Architect's employees at the principal office, branch offices and the field office, general operating expenses of the Architect's principal office, branch offices and the field office, any part of the Architect's capital expenses, including interest on the Architect's capital employed for the Project, overhead or expenses of any kind, any costs incurred due to the negligence of the Architect, the Architect's general advertising, federal, state or local income, sales or other taxes, state franchise taxes and qualification fees, and membership in trade, business or professional organizations.

5.3 Additional Fees

5.3.1 Fees For Additional Services. The School District Board shall pay the Architect the following Additional Fees for the following Additional Services:

Additional Service	Additional Fee
Optional Demolition (w/o asbestos abatement)	\$ 63,120

In all events, total Additional fees shall not exceed the amount of *Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$63,120)* without an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2 and a request filed in accordance with Subparagraphs 7.2 and 7.3.

For other Additional Services provided by the Architect and any Consultants in accordance with Article III, the School District Board shall pay the Architect Additional Fees in an amount negotiated to the mutual reasonable satisfaction of the School District Board and the Architect, but in all events, such Additional Fees shall not exceed 2.5 times the Direct Personnel Expense incurred by the Architect and any applicable Consultant in providing those Additional Services. Except for the Additional Services and Additional Fees listed above, Additional Services and any Additional Fees may be approved only by an amendment in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2. The Architect, with the prior written consent of the School District Board, may provide Additional Services through one or more Consultants in accordance with Subparagraph 1.1.7.

5.3.2 Direct Personnel Expense. Direct Personnel Expense shall mean the portion of direct salaries and wages of all personnel of the Architect or any Consultants, as applicable, including professional, technical, management, administrative and clerical employees, and principals engaged on the Project related to their time devoted to the Project and the portion of the cost of their mandatory and customary contributions and benefits related thereto such as employment taxes and other statutory employee benefits, social security contributions, insurance, sick leave, holidays, vacations, pension and profit sharing pursuant to plans qualified under federal law and similar benefits related to their time devoted to the Project. Direct Personnel Expense shall not include any bonus or similar plan or agreement related to the Architect's performance on, or profit from, the Project.

5.4 Method and Terms of Payment

5.4.1 Basic Fee. Payment of the Basic Fee shall be made monthly in proportion to services performed in each Phase of the Project in accordance with the following percentages of the Basic Fee:

Pre-design Phase	5%
Schematic Design Phase	20%
Design Development Phase	20%
Construction Documents Phase	25%
Bidding or Negotiation Phase	5%
Construction Phase	20%
Project Closeout	5%

Any balance of the final 5% of the Basic Fee shall be paid upon Project Closeout as follows: one-half after preparation of all Punch-Lists and one-half after completion of all Punch-List items to the reasonable satisfaction of the School District Board and receipt of Project Record Drawings by the School District Board as provided in this Agreement. The School District Board may waive the withholding of any final balance or part thereof, if the Architect has performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the School District Board. Payment of the last twenty percent (20%) of the appropriate portion of the Basic Fee for the Predesign Phase, the Schematic Design Phase, the Design Development Phase, the Construction Documents Phase, and the Bidding or Negotiation Phase shall be made only after all documents and Drawings required for the respective Phase have been submitted to the Commission or the School District Board, as applicable, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Commission and the School District Board. The Basic Fee, including without limitation the final 5% thereof, shall be subject to all setoffs in favor of the School District Board for claims against the Architect. Payments for Basic Services shall be based upon a properly completed Architect's Pay Request or Invoice and shall be made within the applicable time limits. The Architect's pay request shall be submitted to the Construction Manager for approval prior to payment.

5.4.2 Additional Fees. Payments of Additional Fees for Additional Services in accordance with Article III and Subparagraph 5.3 shall be made monthly based upon services performed or expenses incurred, as applicable, and as shown by a properly completed Architect's Pay Request or Invoice.

5.4.3 Payments by Architect. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of payment made pursuant to this Agreement, the Architect shall pay all portions thereof due to Consultants.

5.4.4 Compensation for Extension of Project Time. If the Architect notifies the School District Board not less than thirty (30) days prior to the time for completion of the Project set by the Project Schedule approved pursuant to Subparagraph 2.6.9, that such time for completion is reasonably expected to be exceeded by more than ten percent (10%) through no fault of the Architect, the compensation, if any, for Basic Services to be rendered during such extended period shall be negotiated to the mutual reasonable satisfaction of the School District Board and the Architect. If, as a result of such negotiation, the School District Board agrees that the Architect shall be paid additional compensation, an amendment to that effect shall be executed in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2 before the Architect renders any services made necessary by such extension of the time of completion, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Commission and the School District Board.

5.4.5 Compensation for Change of Scope of Project or Construction Budget. The Scope of the Project is defined by the Approved Program of Requirements as provided in Subparagraph 2.2.2. The Construction Budget is defined in Subparagraph 1.1.2. If the Commission and the School District Board materially change the Scope of the Project after the Schematic Design Phase or the Construction Budget at any time after the execution of this Agreement through no fault of the Architect, any necessary adjustment in the compensation of the Architect shall be negotiated to the mutual reasonable satisfaction of the School District Board and the Architect. If, as the result of such negotiation, the School District Board agrees that the Architect shall be paid additional compensation, an amendment to that effect shall be executed in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2 before the Architect renders any services made necessary by such change in the Scope of the Project or the Construction Budget, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Commission and the School District Board.

ARTICLE VI

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

6.1 Insurance

6.1.1 Casualty Insurance. Except when a modification is requested in writing by the Architect and approved in writing by the School District Board, the Architect shall carry and maintain at the Architect's cost, with companies authorized to do business in Ohio, all necessary liability insurance (which shall include as a minimum the requirements set forth below) during the term of this Agreement:

- a. Workers' Compensation and employer's liability insurance to the fullest extent required by applicable law;
- b. Commercial general liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage, including limited contractual liability coverage, in not less than the following amounts:
 - i. General Aggregate Limit:
\$2,000,000 each occurrence;

- ii. Each Occurrence Limit:
\$1,000,000 each occurrence; and
- c. Commercial automobile liability coverage, including non-owned and hired, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

6.1.2 Professional Liability Insurance. When the Commission does not elect to procure Project Professional Liability Insurance, and subject to the Commission's waiver or modification of Professional Liability Insurance upon written request of the Architect, the Architect shall maintain insurance to protect against claims arising from the performance of the Architect's services caused by any negligent acts, errors or omissions for which the Architect is legally liable ("Professional Liability Insurance"). Except when a waiver is approved by the Commission upon written request of the Architect, such Professional Liability Insurance shall be in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and in the annual aggregate. The Architect shall endeavor to keep such insurance in effect for so long as the Architect may be held liable for its performance of services for the Project. If the Professional Liability Insurance is written on a claims-made basis, such insurance shall have a retroactive date no later than the date on which the Architect commenced to perform services relating to the Project. The insurance company issuing the Professional Liability Insurance policy must be authorized to do business in Ohio and have a rating of at least A status as noted in the most recent edition of the Best's Insurance Reports.

6.1.3 Certificates. The Architect shall provide the School District Board with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverages and amounts, including without limitation any certificates of renewal of insurance. Each policy of insurance required to be purchased and maintained by the Architect, shall name the School District Board and the Commission as an additional insured. The certificates of insurance shall contain a provision that the policy or policies will not be canceled without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the School District Board.

6.2 Indemnification

6.2.1 Indemnification by Architect Generally. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Architect shall and does agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, the School District Board and their members, officers, employees and representatives and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses (including attorney's fees and other costs of defense), of any nature, kind or description, which (a) arise out of, are caused by or result from performance of the Architect's services and (b) are attributable to bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or to damage to or destruction of property, including the loss of use and consequential damages resulting therefrom, but (c) only to the extent they are caused by any negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Architect, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Architect or anyone for whose acts the Architect is legally liable. This Subparagraph is intended to be, and shall be construed as consistent with, and not in conflict with, Section 2305.31 of the Ohio Revised Code.

6.2.2 Intellectual Property Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Architect shall and does agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, the School District Board and their members, officers, employees and representatives from and against all claims, damages, losses, liens, causes of action, suits, judgments and expenses (including attorney's fees and other costs of defense), of any nature, kind or description, which result from any claimed infringement of any copyright, patent or other intangible property right caused by the Architect, anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Architect or anyone for whose acts the Architect is legally liable. The Architect shall not be required to indemnify and hold harmless such persons for such matters when

the claimed infringement occurs in materials provided by the Commission or the School District Board.

ARTICLE VII DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS

7.1 Mediation. Instead of, or in addition to, the procedures set forth below, the School District Board and the Architect may, by written agreement, submit any claims, requests, disputes or matters in question between or among them to mediation upon such terms as shall be mutually reasonably agreeable.

7.2 Notice and Filing of Requests. Any request by the Architect for Additional Fees shall be made in writing to the School District Board and filed prior to payment of the final 5% of the Basic Fee. Failure of the Architect to timely make such a request shall constitute a waiver by the Architect of any request for such fees and expenses.

7.3 Request Information. In every written request filed pursuant to Paragraph 7.2, the Architect shall provide the nature and amount of the request; identification of persons, entities and events responsible for the request; activities on the Project Schedule affected by the request or new activities created by any delay and the relationship with existing activities; anticipated duration of any delay; and recommended action to avoid or minimize any future delay.

7.4 Decision of the School District Board. If the Architect files a written request with the School District Board pursuant to Paragraph 7.2, the School District Board shall review the request and render a final decision in writing as between the School District Board and the Architect. Any payment resulting from such decision must be approved by the Commission pursuant to an Amendment to this Agreement in accordance with subparagraph 9.5.2.

7.5 Performance. The Architect shall proceed with the Architect's performance of this Agreement during any dispute resolution process, unless otherwise agreed by the Architect and the School District Board in writing. The School District Board shall continue to make payment, in accordance with this Agreement, of any amounts not in dispute pending final resolution of any dispute in accordance with this Paragraph. The decision of the School District Board shall be conclusive and final.

7.6 Delegation. No provision of this Article shall prevent the School District Board from delegating the duties or authorities of the School District Board to any other person selected at the discretion of the School District Board.

ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION AND REMEDIES

8.1 Termination of Agreement

8.1.1 Means of Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days written notice should the other party fail to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, the Architect shall not terminate this Agreement for non-payment if the School District Board initiates the payment process for all reasonably undisputed amounts due to the Architect within ten (10) days of receipt of the Architect's written notice to terminate. This Agreement may be terminated by the School District Board without cause upon fifteen (15) days

written notice to the Architect. This Agreement may be terminated at any time upon the mutual consent of the School District Board and the Architect.

8.1.2 Architect's Remedies Upon Termination by the School District Board Without Cause or Termination by Architect. In the event of a termination which is not due to the failure of the Architect to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Architect shall be compensated for all Basic Services of a completed Phase performed prior to the termination date in accordance with the percentages set forth in Subparagraph 5.4.1. In such event, for services rendered prior to the termination date in an uncompleted Phase and for Additional Services, the Architect shall receive compensation based on the percentages of completion of that Phase or those Additional Services, as applicable.

8.1.3 Architect's Remedies Upon Termination by the School District Board for Cause. In the event of a termination which is due to the failure of the Architect to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Architect shall be compensated only for Basic Services performed and paid for prior to the termination date in accordance with the percentages set forth in Subparagraph 5.5.1, together with Additional Services completely performed prior to the termination date.

8.1.4 Architect's Remedies Upon Termination by Mutual Consent. In the event of a termination upon the mutual consent of the School District Board and the Architect, any compensation for Basic Services or for Additional Services shall be negotiated and set forth in an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2 prior to such termination.

8.1.5 Post-Termination Matters. If the School District Board and the Architect agree that any services are to be performed for the Project by the Architect after any termination date, the amount of any compensation and the method and terms of payment of such compensation related to such services shall be negotiated and set forth in an amendment to this Agreement in accordance with Subparagraph 9.5.2 prior to the commencement of such services. Such amendment and any relevant obligations to be performed by the Architect under this Agreement will survive termination of this Agreement.

8.2 Remedies

8.2.1 Cumulative Remedies. No remedy conferred upon the School District Board by the terms of this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy provided at law or in equity. Each and every remedy of the School District Board shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedy given to the School District Board hereunder or now or hereafter existing. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no remedy conferred upon the Architect by the terms of this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy provided at law or in equity. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, each and every remedy of the Architect shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedy given to the Architect hereunder or now or hereafter existing.

8.2.2 Remedies Not Waived. No delay, omission or forbearance to exercise any right, power or remedy accruing to the School District Board or the Architect hereunder shall impair any such right, power or remedy or shall be construed to be a waiver of any breach hereof or default hereunder. Every such right, power or remedy may be exercised as often as deemed expedient.

*ARTICLE IX
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS*

9.1 Ownership and Use of Documents

9.1.1 Property of the School District Board. Drawings, Specifications and other documents prepared by, or with the cooperation of, the Architect or any Consultant pursuant to this Agreement are the property of the School District Board whether or not the Project for which they are prepared is commenced or completed. The Architect or Consultant, as applicable, may retain copies, including reproducible copies of such Drawings, Specifications and other documents for information and reference. Such Drawings, Specifications or other documents may be used by the School District Board or others employed by the School District Board for reference in any completion, correction, remodeling, renovation, reconstruction, alteration, modification of or addition to the Project, without compensation to the Architect or Consultant. Unless the Project is a prototype, such Drawings, Specifications or other documents shall not be given or sold by the School District Board to be used by others, on other Projects except by agreement in writing and with agreed upon appropriate compensation to the Architect or Consultant, as applicable. The Architect shall not be held liable if a third party receives the Architect's Drawings, Specifications or other Documents and either modifies, changes or uses the documents in a way not originally anticipated when the documents were created. If an event occurs for which the Architect or Consultant may be liable, the School District Board shall notify the Architect or Consultant of such event as soon as practical after such event and shall provide access to the Project to the Architect or Consultant and their representatives. This Subparagraph shall survive termination of this Agreement.

9.1.2 Architect's Intellectual Property. Except as specified in Article 9.1.1 above, all inventions, patents, design patents and computer programs acquired or developed by the Architect in connection with or relation to the Project shall remain the property of the Architect and shall be protected by the School District Board from use by others except by agreement in writing with appropriate and agreed upon compensation to the Architect.

9.2 Public Relations. Prior to completion of the Project, any public relations or publicity about the Project shall be within the control and with the consent of the School District Board and the Commission. However, the Architect shall have the right to include representations of the design of the Project, including photographs of the exterior and interior, among the Architect's promotional and professional materials. The Architect shall seek the express approval of the School District Board and the Commission prior to making any application, or submitting for any design award, or acknowledgement of any kind for the Architect's services for the Project.

9.3 Records. The records of all of the Architect's Direct Personnel Costs, Reimbursable Expenses and payments to Consultants pertaining to the Project shall be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis and shall be available to the School District Board and the Commission at all times and shall be maintained for seven (7) years after Final Acceptance of the Project by the Commission. All other records kept by the Architect related to the Project shall be available to the Commission and the School District Board at all times and shall be maintained for six (6) years after Final Acceptance of the Project by the Commission.

9.4 Successors and Assigns. The School District Board and the Architect, each bind themselves, their successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the other party to this Agreement and to the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the other party with respect to all terms of this Agreement. The School District Board and the Architect each acknowledge that the Commission is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement and a duty of trust and care is owed to the

Commission as the third party beneficiary. The Architect shall not assign, or transfer any right, title or interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Commission.

9.5 Extent of Agreement

9.5.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Contract Documents represent the entire and integrated agreement between the School District Board and the Architect and supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.

9.5.2 Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only by an amendment prepared by the School District Board and signed by both the Architect and the School District Board, with the concurrence of the Commission.

9.5.3 Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

9.5.4 Captions. The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any provisions or sections hereof.

9.5.5 Precedence. If there are any inconsistencies between the provisions of the Contract Documents and any other documents created, the provisions of the Contract Documents shall prevail. In addition, the Architect should refer to the Commission's Ohio School Design Manual, including without limitation all exhibits thereto, for applicable procedures, policies and forms.

9.5.6 Conditions to Validity. None of the rights, duties and obligations contained in this Agreement shall be binding on any party until all legal requirements have been complied with, including without limitation that the Director of Budget and Management of the State first certifies that there is a balance in the appropriation not already obligated to pay existing obligations, as required by Section 126.07, Ohio Revised Code, all necessary funds are available from the applicable state agencies or instrumentalities and, when required, the expenditure of such funds is approved by the Controlling Board of the State of Ohio or other applicable approving body. In addition, if federal funds are to be used to pay fees and expenses under this Agreement, none of the rights, duties and obligations contained in this Agreement shall be binding on any party until the School District Board notifies the Architect in writing that such funds are available from the School District Board's source.

9.6 Governing Law

9.6.1 Law of Ohio. This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the State of Ohio to the exclusion of the law of any other jurisdiction and the State of Ohio shall have jurisdiction over any action hereunder or related to the Project to the exclusion of any other forum.

9.6.2 Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in the Standard Conditions, unless otherwise defined herein or unless another meaning is indicated by the context.

9.7 Assignment of Antitrust Claims. Each party to this Agreement recognizes that in actual economic practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are in fact usually borne by the ultimate purchaser of goods and services; in this instance the ultimate purchaser is the School District Board. Therefore, the following assignment is made:

Intending to be legally bound, the Architect, acting herein by and through the person signing this Agreement on its behalf as a duly authorized agent, hereby assigns, sells, conveys and transfers to the School District Board any and all right, title and interest in and to any and all claims and causes of action which the Architect may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States of America or the State of Ohio, PROVIDED that the claims or causes of action relate to the particular goods, products, commodities, intangibles, or services purchased, procured, or acquired by, or rendered to, the School District Board pursuant to this Agreement, and EXCEPT as to any claims or causes of action which result from antitrust violations commencing after the price is established under this Agreement and which are not passed on to the School District Board by any means. In addition, the Architect warrants and represents that it will require any and all of its Consultants and suppliers to assign any and all federal and State antitrust claims and causes of action to the School District Board, subject to the proviso and exception stated above. The provisions of this Subparagraph shall become effective at the time the School District Board executes its concurrence to this Agreement without further acknowledgement by any of the parties.

9.8 Notices

9.8.1 Addresses. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given if delivered or mailed to the contact person, identified on Page 1 of this Agreement.

9.8.2 Additional Notices. A copy of all notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent to the Construction Manager.

9.8.3 Facsimiles. For convenience of communication only, notices, certificates, requests or other communications hereunder of fewer than ten (10) pages, except requests for payment, may be sent by facsimile transmission. Notices, certificates, requests or other communications sent by facsimile transmission shall not be deemed to be given unless a counterpart is received or mailed in accordance with Subparagraph 9.8.1.

9.8.4 Emergencies. In the event of an emergency involving the Project, including, without limitation, a fatality, serious injury, fire, collapse, flood, utility or power loss to occupied facilities, explosion, or environmental damage, the Architect shall immediately notify the Construction Manager, the Commission and the School District Board by telephone.

9.8.5 Change of Address. The Commission, the School District Board or the Architect may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses, telephone numbers or facsimile numbers to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or communications shall be sent.

9.9 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation or agreement contained herein is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were not contained herein. Such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application thereof, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement, shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first above written.

BUEHRER GROUP ARCHITECTURE &
ENGINEERING, INC.
ARCHITECT

By: *J. Peter W. Fisher*

Title: Treasurer

Date: 4/16/02, 2002

GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, OHIO
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

By: *Don Deukhan*

Title: President
("President")

Date: 4/22/02, 2002

By: *L. Mault*

Title: Treasurer
("Treasurer")

Date: 4/22/02, 2002

Approval pursuant to Section 3318.091, ORC:
OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION
("Commission")

By: Randall A. Fischer
Executive Director

Date: _____, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS

(Section 5705.41, O.R.C.)

In the matter of: **BUEHRER GROUP ARCHITECTURE &
ENGINEERING, INC. (Architect)**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that moneys required to meet the obligations of the Board of Education of the Grand Valley Local School District under the above referenced Agreement have been lawfully appropriated for such purposes and are in the treasury of the School District or are in the process of collection to an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrance.

GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

G. Mault
TREASURER

Dated: _____

7/20/02

Appendix A

POLICY ON MINIMUM PHASE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS ELEMENTS OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN DOCUMENTS

ARCHITECTURAL

- Single-line drawings showing complete building layout, identifying the various Major areas, core areas and their relationships.
- Show preliminary exterior wall section indicating location of openings, and overall thermal transfer value for each element of the exterior wall/envelope.
- Identify roof system, deck, membrane flashing and drainage technique and indicate overall combined heat transfer coefficient value for exterior wall/envelope.
- Show exterior building elevations identifying proposed shell finishes (includes all exterior surfaces, doors and windows).
- Site plan with building located and overall grading plan with preliminary contours. Preliminary site development such as access road paving, walls and outside support buildings, and paved parking lots landscaping, storm water retention areas, site utilities (existing and new) should be shown.
- Gross and net area calculations separated to show conformance with Program of Requirements. Each space to be annotated with net square footage.
- Building Code type and occupancy information.

STRUCTURAL

- Main building sections depicting proposed structural systems.
- Preliminary structural floor plan with overall dimensions and floor elevations. Identify structural system and provide preliminary sizes for all main structural members.
- Preliminary foundation plan. Identify foundation system and provide preliminary sizes

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL

- Provide a narrative detailed description of HVAC systems that appear compatible with loading conditions for subsequent life cycle costing. (LCC not required for systems indicated as standards in Design Manual).
- Floor plan showing all mechanical (HVAC and Plumbing) equipment spaces.
- Floor plan showing all major mechanical equipment and plumbing fixtures (toilets, sinks, urinals, water fountains/coolers, janitor sinks, fire protection system).

ELECTRICAL

- Lighting and power plans showing conceptual solution for lighting, power, communications, fire alarm and technology.
- Floor plan showing all major electrical equipment,
- Preliminary one-line electrical distribution diagrams. Indicate preliminary location of service entry, switchboards, motor control centers, panels, transformers and emergency generator, etc., if required.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

- Statement of Probable Construction Cost vs Budget

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS

ARCHITECTURAL

- Dimensioned floor plans indicating structural bay sizes and overall building dimensions. Floor Plan should show dimensions and final partition locations including all openings.
- Exterior and core wall sections showing final dimensional relationships, materials and component relationships.
- Floor Plan should show all fixed and loose equipment.
- Preliminary room finish schedule identifying all finishes.
- Exterior door and hardware schedule showing door, frame and hardware type.
- Site plan including grading and site utilities, utility connection points and a stormwater management design.
- Preliminary development of details and large scale plans and sections.
- Outline specifications indicating manufacturers and suppliers.
- Preliminary reflected ceiling including ceiling grid, light fixtures and all devices that penetrate or are mounted upon finished ceiling.
- Interior movable furniture, office equipment, demountable partitions and system furniture, layouts for all departments and floors including proposed building signage system.
- Gross and net area calculations by department to determine compliance with program of requirements.
- Outline specifications including selected acceptable manufacturers.

STRUCTURAL

- Floor plan with all structural members located and sized.
- Preliminary footing, beam, column and connection schedules.
- Establish final building elevations.
- Outline specifications including acceptable manufacturers.
- Foundation drawings
- Outline specifications including selected acceptable manufacturers.

PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL

- Heating and cooling load calculations for each individual space, include cooling requirements for heat loads generated by office equipment, personal computers, etc
- Mechanical equipment schedule indicating size and capacity.
- Plumbing fixtures schedule
- Floor plans showing mechanical equipment and plumbing fixtures. All equipment and fixtures should be shown and located.
- Floor plans showing main ductwork distribution, branch ductwork and plumbing piping. All ductwork and piping should be located and sized to coordinate with structural framing system.
- All ceiling mounted devices should be located.
- Legend showing all symbols used on drawings.
- Outline specifications including selected acceptable manufacturers.

ELECTRICAL

- Floor Plan locating all power consuming equipment with a description of the equipment load characteristics.
- Estimate total electric load, confirm Design Manual required excess capacity.
- Floor Plan showing all major electrical equipment (switchgear, distribution panels, emergency generator, transfer switches, UPS system, etc.) which shall be dimensioned and drawn to scale.
- Site Plan showing preliminary site lighting design with pole and fixture type designations.
- Outline specifications including manufacturers.
- Floor plan showing lighting layout, power, telecommunications and office automation devices and switches with preliminary circuiting.
- Light fixture schedule should be finalized.
- Estimate interior electrical loads for systems furniture, receptacles, lighting, food service equipment and any other special use areas, etc.
- Preliminary Distribution Panel Schedule
- Outline specifications including selected acceptable manufacturers.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

- Design Development Statement of Probable Construction Cost vs Budget.
- Bid Packaging Plan

ELEMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

COVER SHEET(S)

- Name, address of Owner, Construction Manger, Architect, Interior Designer, etc.
- Vicinity map.
- Legal description of property.
- Finalize Building Code type and occupancy information.
- Gross and net area calculations of all departments and floors.
- Abbreviation and symbol glossary.
- Index to all drawings.

SITE PLAN(S)

- A certified plot plan, (sealed by an Ohio licensed Land Surveyor).
- A grading plan 1'-0" or 2'-0" increments with appropriate sections.
- Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans and profiles.
- Local governing utility standards included in all utility details.
- Standard details shall be modified to suit project conditions, all non-applicable information shall be deleted.
- Existing and proposed electrical, gas, sewer, water, storm drainage, telephone and TV cable utilities shall be identified.
- Utility designs shall show plan, profile and all fittings and details required by code and local government standards for all the materials being permitted in the specifications.

LANDSCAPE

- An overall site plan showing plantings, irrigation and drainage system, site lighting and all site development features.
- Details and sections of all site development features, sidewalks, curbs, paving stones, bollards, ramps, exterior stairs, lawn areas showing seeding methods, etc.
- All landscape conditions should be thoroughly detailed.
- A symbol glossary.
- Planting schedule.
- Seeding schedule.
- Standard details shall be modified to suit project conditions. All non-applicable information shall be deleted.

ARCHITECTURAL

- A basic floor plan of the entire facility showing minimal detail with a grid or column reference system showing overall building layout dimensions, core spaces, floor opening penetrations, etc. Fire ratings of all partitions, fire doors, etc. should be clearly denoted.
- A dimensioned floor plan locating all interior partitions and exterior wall partitions from the grid or column reference system. Floor plan should include room and workstation designations, interior and exterior door and window designations.
- A dimensioned floor plan showing wire management system with openings located for voice, data, video and electrical, outlet locations.
- Room wall elevations for all non-typical walls.
- Casework floor plan complete with schedule, details and elevations.
- Interior and exterior window, door and frame schedule complete with elevations and details for all head, jamb and sill conditions.
- Interior and exterior finish and color schedule (exposed finished mechanical and electrical items shall be clearly addressed).
- A reflected ceiling plan showing all grid, access doors, drapery tracks, light fixtures, grills, diffusers, sprinkler heads, security devices, fire alarm devices, intercom system, exit devices and acoustic treatment. Ceiling heights and type should be indicated on the reflected ceiling plan.
- Details shall be provided for transitions between finish materials and wall types.
- Major building sections in at least two directions.
- A sufficient number of details shall be provided to clearly indicate the method of construction for all building components and shall include but not be limited to the following; exterior wall, waterproofing systems, insulating systems, interior and exterior finishes, architectural details, interior stairs, elevators.
- Interior signage locations shall be shown on the floor plan complete with details and schedules.
- Final locations shall be shown on the floor plan with associated floor loadings being shown on the structural drawings.
- Partition type schedule and section details for all interior, exterior and floor wall conditions.
- Roof plan showing all roofing material, roof drains, overflows, access hatches, roof drainage slopes and elevations, scuppers, skylights, mechanical and plumbing penetrations. Details shall be provided for all edge, parapet and flashing conditions.
- All exterior building elevations showing finish materials, exterior door and window openings and designations, lights, louvers, grilles, sign age, speakers and other devices.
- All structural members included in, or enclosed by the architectural details shall be closely coordinated with and the size verified by the structural engineer. Details shall indicate the framing and furring method wherever appropriate.
- All mechanical/electrical elements included in, or enclosed by the architectural details shall be closely coordinated with and the size verified by the design engineer. Details shall indicate the framing and furring method wherever appropriate.
- Complete Technical Specification including acceptable manufacturers.

STRUCTURAL

- A dimensioned foundation plan showing and locating in plan and in elevation all footing, foundations, foundation piers, caissons, grade beams, reinforcement with all layouts for masonry and anchor bolts.
- A dimensioned floor plan for each floor, showing all beams, beam sizes, duct and piping penetrations, construction joints, expansion joints, edge conditions, imbedded anchors and frames thickened slabs, recessed slabs stair penetrations, elevator shafts, floor loading, top of structure elevation and reinforcement.
- Footing, column, grade beam, caissons, piers, reinforcement and beam schedules.
- Dimensioned to scale details showing all conditions, connections and structural sizes.
- Shear walls clearly shown on plan and schedule if symbol code is used.
- Abbreviation and symbol glossary.
- Fastener/connection schedule.
- Elevations of all footings, elevations to top of all beams, columns, recesses and floors.
- Roof beam plan, elevator hoist beams.
- Complete Technical Specification including acceptable manufacturers.

MECHANICAL

- Abbreviation and symbol glossary.
- Mechanical equipment schedule.
- Exterior louver schedule, as coordinated with architectural louvers.
- Floor plans indicating ductwork with sizes, ductwork mechanical devices, beams for floor above with ductwork penetrations.
- Reflected ceiling plan showing final location of all ceiling mounted mechanical devices which include but is not limited to; diffusers, return air grilles and thermostats.
- Floor plan indicating the sprinkler and standpipe riser systems including all required pumps and control devices.
- Fire damper schedule and individually shown on the floor plan at each required location.
- Ductwork sound attenuation schedule.
- Vibration isolation schedule.
- Terminal control box schedule, with electrical and air volume requirements.
- Chilled water, condenser, refrigerant, fuel oil, steam and gas riser piping floor plans and riser diagrams and schematics including pipe sizes. Piping schematics shall be in large enough scale to clearly indicate all control devices, valves, unions and miscellaneous appurtenances.
- Areas of concentrated mechanical equipment shall be enlarged from the basic floor plan to not less than 1/4" = 1'-0" illustrating detailed ductwork and equipment within the mechanical room in both plan and section views; coil access and filter access are to be shown to scale as verification of clearance.
- Access doors both wall and ceiling, shall be called out at each applicable location as coordinated with the architectural drawings (rated where applicable).
- Floor plans should indicate housekeeping pads and weight of concentrated loads.

- Duct/piping penetrations of all walls, floors, roofs, beams, columns and foundations shall be coordinated with and verified by the structural engineer, code complying firestopping will be detailed for penetrations through fire rated assemblies.
- Locate on the floor plans all controls system equipment and provide a panel and device schedule, indicator panel graphics complete with sequence of operation and control system program diagram.
- Complete Technical Specification including acceptable manufacturers.

PLUMBING

- Fixture/connection schedule.
- Abbreviation/symbol glossary
- Floor plans indicating domestic hot and cold water, storm, waste, vent and gas piping plans, including all valves, unions, fixtures, pipe sizes, and riser diagrams etc.
- Piping and insulation jacket dimensions are to be coordinated with architectural finishes and casework; all exposed piping is to be verified with the architect.
- Plan drawing of all water and sanitary branch piping for installation of interior equipment and fixtures.
- Typical piping riser schematics for all gravity flow piping systems.
- Areas of concentrated plumbing equipment (hot water heaters, circulating pumps, etc.) shall be enlarged from the basic floor plan to not less than 1/4" = 1'-0" detail in both plan and section views.
- Access panels, doors and provisions in both walls and ceilings are to be shown on floor plans for all valves, cleanouts and caps, etc.
- Connections to existing and new building utilities shall be clearly shown; requirements of governing utilities shall be determined and clearly detailed and shown; connection details and elevations shall be checked and coordinated with applicable civil
- Design details
- Piping penetrations of all walls, floors, roofs, beams, columns and foundations shall be coordinated with and verified by the structural engineer, code complying firestopping will be detailed for penetrations through fire rated assemblies.
- Complete Technical Specification including acceptable manufacturers.

ELECTRICAL

- Lighting fixture schedule
- Lighting control schedule, switches, emergency lighting.
- Power riser diagram for interior lighting systems.
- Abbreviations and symbol glossary.
- Panel schedules with panel locations shown on floor.
- Fan/motor control schedule/diagram.
- Floor plan showing location of all fire alarm device/panel schedule and indicator graphics and riser diagram including activated hardware, pullstations, confirm activated hardware with hardware schedule.
- Floor plan showing location of all intercom devices, panel schedule and location, program, riser diagram.



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 Columbus, Ohio 43215
 Phone : 614-466-6290 Fax: 614-466-7749

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CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Project Name: Grand Valley Local Schools - New PK-12
 Contractor: Jack Gibson Construction Company
 Bid Package No: 06A Contract Amount: \$16,488,000.00
 Bid Opening Date: 19-Aug-03 Rebid Opening Date: N/A

The undersigned certifies that the following conditions precedent for contract execution are satisfied and certifications required are current and recommend approval by the Commission.

- Yes Bid Price or Total Aggregate of Contracts for Project not in excess of 10 percent of Estimated Cost
- N/A Bid Extension Agreement (if applicable per Section 153.12, ORC)
- Yes Bid or Rebid Notification Advertised pursuant to legal requirements
- Yes Contract Bond complies with legal requirements
- Yes Ohio Worker's Compensation Certificate
- Yes Delinquent Personal Property Tax Affidavit
- Yes Department of Insurance Certificate of Compliance
- N/A If Out-of-state Corporation, Ohio Secretary of State Certificate
- Yes All Contracts Executed by Contractor
- Yes All Contracts and Fund Certifications Executed by School District
- Yes Contractor's Certificate of Insurance
- Yes Enrolled in BWC Drug Free Workplace Program or equivalent

Verification by Construction Manager

RP Carbone Company
 Company
[Signature]
 Name

440-437-5260
 Phone
rspeight@rpcarbone.com
 E-mail
10-15-03
 Date

Return to Address: 311 North Maple Street, Orwell, OH 44076

Comments: _____



 Signature [Signature] Date 10/16/03

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State of Ohio
Ohio School Facilities Commission

CONTRACTOR CONTRACT

THE CONTRACT, evidenced by this Contract Form, made and entered into by and between:

Jack Gibson Construction Company
2460 Parkman Road, NW
Warren, Ohio 44485

(the "Contractor") and the State of Ohio (the "State"), through the President and Treasurer of the Grand Valley School District Board (the "School District Board") on the date executed by the School District Board.

In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the State and Contractor agree as set forth below:

ARTICLE 1

- 1.1 The Contractor shall perform the entire Work described in the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable by the Contractor as necessary to produce the results intended by the Contract Documents, for:

General Trades Bid Package 06A
Grand Valley PK-12 New Building Project
Orwell, Ohio

ARTICLE 2

- 2.1 The School District Board shall pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract, subject to additions and deductions by Change Order as provided in the Contract Documents, the amount of Sixteen Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$16,488,000.00) (the "Contract Price"), based upon the Bid Form, dated August 19, 2003 submitted by the Contractor.

Base Bid = \$15,170,000.00
Alternate G1 = \$196,000.00
Alternate G2 = \$199,000.00
Alternate G3 = \$10,000.00
Alternate G6 = \$50,000.00
Alternate G7 = \$127,000.00
Alternate G8 = \$29,000.00
Alternate G9A = \$184,000.00
Alternate G9B = \$95,000.00
Alternate G10 = \$34,000.00
Alternate G11 = \$81,000.00
Alternate G12 = \$259,000.00

Alternate G13A = \$6,000.00
 Alternate G13B = \$0.00
 Alternate G13C = \$0.00
 Alternate G14 = \$5,000.00
 Alternate G15 = \$39,000.00
 Alternate G16 = \$4,000.00

2.2 The Contract Price shall be paid in current funds by the School District Board upon Applications for Payment submitted by the Contractor and approved by the State as provided in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3

3.1 The Contractor shall diligently prosecute the Work and shall complete all Work so that Contract Completion can occur on or before June 1, 2005 , unless the Contractor timely requests and the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.

3.2 It is understood and agreed that all Work to be performed under the Contract shall be completed within the established time for Contract Completion, and that each applicable portion of the Work shall be completed upon the respective milestone completion date, unless the Contractor timely requests and the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.

3.3 Upon failure to have all Work completed within the period of time above specified, or failure to have the applicable portion of the Work completed upon any milestone completion date, the State shall be entitled to retain or recover from the Contractor, as Liquidated Damages, and not as a penalty, the applicable amount set forth in the following table for each and every day thereafter until Contract Completion, unless the Contractor timely requests and the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.

<u>Contract Amount</u>	<u>Dollars Per Day</u>
\$1 to \$50,000	\$150
More than \$50,000 to \$150,000	\$250
More than \$150,000 to \$500,000	\$500
More than \$500,000 to \$2,000,000	\$1,000
More than \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000	\$2,000
More than \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000	\$2,500
More than \$10,000,000	\$3,000

3.4 The amount of Liquidated Damages is agreed upon by and between the Contractor and the State because of the impracticality and extreme difficulty of ascertaining the actual amount of damage the State would sustain.

ARTICLE 4

- 4.1 The Contract Documents embody the entire understanding of the parties and form the basis of the Contract between the State and the Contractor. The Contract Documents shall be considered to be incorporated by reference into this Contract Form as if fully rewritten herein.
- 4.2 The Contract and any modification, amendments or alterations thereto shall be governed, construed and enforced by and under the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 4.3 If any term or provision of the Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is finally determined, to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Contract or the application of such term or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of the Contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 4.4 The Contract shall be binding on the Contractor and State, their successors and assigns, in respect to all covenants and obligations contained in the Contract Documents, but the Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the School District Board.

ARTICLE 5

- 5.1 It is expressly understood by the Contractor that none of the rights, duties and obligation described in the Contract Documents shall be valid and enforceable unless the School District Board Treasurer first certifies there is a balance sufficient to pay the obligations set forth in the Contract.

ARTICLE 6

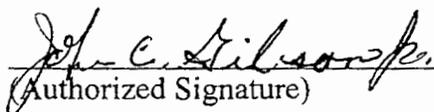
- 6.1 This Contract Form has been executed in several counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original Contract Form which may be introduced in evidence or used for any other purpose without production of any other counterparts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract.

CONTRACTOR

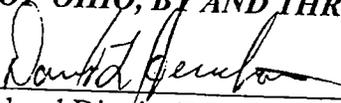
Jack Gibson Const. Co.
(Company Name)

John C. Gibson Jr., CEO
(Print Name & Title)

By: 
(Authorized Signature)

Date: October 14, 2003

STATE OF OHIO, BY AND THROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD



School District Board President

Date: Oct. 14, 2003

David L. Hendershott

(Print Name)



School District Board Treasurer

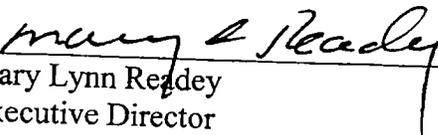
Date: Oct. 14, 2003

Lisa Moodt

(Print Name)

APPROVAL BY:

OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION
SECTION 3318.10, ORC



Mary Lynn Readey
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(Section 5705.41, ORC)

In the matter of: Jack Gibson
Construction Company (Contractor)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the Board of Education of the Grand Valley Local School District under the foregoing Contract have been lawfully appropriated for such purposes and are in the treasury of the Grand Valley Local School District or are in the process of collection to an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrance.

Grand Valley Local SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: Lisa Moodt Lisa Moodt
Treasurer

Dated: Oct. 14, 2003



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CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Project Name: Grand Valley Local Schools - New PK-12
 Contractor: McMillan Construction Company
 Bid Package No: 2A Contract Amount: \$1,312,961.00
 Bid Opening Date: 15-May-03 Rebid Opening Date: N/A

The undersigned certifies that the following conditions precedent for contract execution are satisfied and certifications required are current and recommend approval by the Commission.

- Yes Bid Price or Total Aggregate of Contracts for Project not in excess of 10 percent of Estimated Cost
- N/A Bid Extension Agreement (if applicable per Section 153.12, ORC)
- Yes Bid or Rebid Notification Advertised pursuant to legal requirements
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- Yes Contractor's Certificate of Insurance
- N/A Enrolled in BWC Drug Free Workplace Program or equivalent

Verification by Construction Manager

RP Carbone Company
 Company

440-437-5260

Phone

rspeight@rpcarbhone.com

E-mail

5-26-03

Date

Return to Address: 311 North Maple Street, Orwell, OH 44076

Comments: _____

PA

Signature

Date



State of Ohio
Ohio School Facilities Commission

CONTRACTOR CONTRACT

THE CONTRACT, evidenced by this Contract Form, made and entered into by and between:

*McMillan Construction Company
26457 State Route 58
Wellington, Ohio 44090*

(the "Contractor") and the State of Ohio (the "State"), through the President and Treasurer of the *Grand Valley School District Board* (the "School District Board") on the date executed by the School District Board.

In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the State and Contractor agree as set forth below:

ARTICLE 1

- 1.1 The Contractor shall perform the entire Work described in the Contract Documents and reasonably inferable by the Contractor as necessary to produce the results intended by the Contract Documents, for:

*Sitework Bid Package 2A
Grand Valley PK-12 New Building Project
Orwell, Ohio*

ARTICLE 2

- 2.1 The School District Board shall pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract, subject to additions and deductions by Change Order as provided in the Contract Documents, the amount of *One Million, Three Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$1,312,961.00)* (the "Contract Price"), based upon the Bid Form, dated *May 15, 2003* submitted by the Contractor.

*Base Bid = \$1,312,961.00
Alternate C-1 = \$36,345.00*

- 2.2 The Contract Price shall be paid in current funds by the School District Board upon Applications for Payment submitted by the Contractor and approved by the State as provided in the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3

- 3.1 The Contractor shall diligently prosecute the Work and shall complete all Work so that Contract Completion can occur on or before *August 29, 2003*, unless the Contractor timely requests and

the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.

- 3.2 It is understood and agreed that all Work to be performed under the Contract shall be completed within the established time for Contract Completion, and that each applicable portion of the Work shall be completed upon the respective milestone completion date, unless the Contractor timely requests and the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 3.3 Upon failure to have all Work completed within the period of time above specified, or failure to have the applicable portion of the Work completed upon any milestone completion date, the State shall be entitled to retain or recover from the Contractor, as Liquidated Damages, and not as a penalty, the applicable amount set forth in the following table for each and every day thereafter until Contract Completion, unless the Contractor timely requests and the School District Board grants an extension of time in accordance with the Contract Documents.

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- 4.4 The Contract shall be binding on the Contractor and State, their successors and assigns, in respect to all covenants and obligations contained in the Contract Documents, but the Contract may not be assigned by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the School District Board.

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5.1 It is expressly understood by the Contractor that none of the rights, duties and obligation described in the Contract Documents shall be valid and enforceable unless the School District Board Treasurer first certifies there is a balance sufficient to pay the obligations set forth in the Contract.

ARTICLE 6

6.1 This Contract Form has been executed in several counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original Contract Form which may be introduced in evidence or used for any other purpose without production of any other counterparts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract.

CONTRACTOR

McMillan Construction Company
(Company Name)

David O. McMillan - Owner
(Print Name & Title)

By: David O. McMillan
(Authorized Signature)

Date: May 28, 2003

STATE OF OHIO, BY AND THROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

David L. Hendershott
School District Board President

Date: May 27, 2003

David L. Hendershott
(Print Name)

Lisa Moodt
School District Board Treasurer

Date: May 27, 2003

Lisa Moodt
(Print Name)

APPROVAL BY:

OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION
SECTION 3318.10, ORC

Mary Lynn Readey
Mary Lynn Readey
Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(Section 5705.41, ORC)

In the matter of: McMillan Construction Company (Contractor)

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the Board of Education of the Grand Valley Local School District under the foregoing Contract have been lawfully appropriated for such purposes and are in the treasury of the Grand Valley Local School District or are in the process of collection to an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrance.

GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____

[Handwritten Signature]

Treasurer

Dated: May 27, 2003, _____

State of Ohio
Ohio School Facilities Commission

FORM OF BID GUARANTY & CONTRACT BOND

(As prescribed by Section 153.571, ORC)

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned
Jack Gibson Construction Company as Principal at 2460 Parkman Road, N.W.,
(Address) Warren, OH 44485-1786
and Hartford Fire Insurance Company as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto
the State of Ohio, the Ohio School Facilities Commission and the
Grand Valley Local School District Board as Obligees in the penal sum of
the dollar amount of the bid submitted by the Principal to the Obligees on (date) 8/19/03,
to undertake the Project known as: New Combination PK-12 School, Project Phase II

The penal sum, referred to herein, shall be the dollar amount of the Principal's bid to the Obligees, incorporating any additive or deductive alternate bids made by the Principal on the date referred to above to the Obligees, which are accepted by the Obligees. In no case shall the penal sum exceed the amount of dollars (\$ _____). (If the above line is left blank, the penal sum will be the full amount of the Principal's bid, including alternates. Alternatively, if completed, the amount stated must not be less than the full amount of the bid, including alternates, in dollars and cents. A percentage is not acceptable.) For the payment of the penal sum well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that whereas the above-named Principal has submitted a bid on the above-referred to project;

NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligees accept the bid of the Principal, and the Principal fails to enter into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications and bills of material; and in the event the Principal pays to the Obligees the difference not to exceed ten percent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid and such larger amount for which the Obligees may in good faith contract with the next lowest bidder to perform the work covered by the bid; or resubmits the project for bidding, the Principal will pay the Obligees the difference not to exceed ten percent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid, or the costs, in connection with the resubmission, of printing new contract documents, required advertising and printing and mailing notices to prospective bidders, whichever is less, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. If the Obligees accept the bid of the Principal, and the Principal, within ten days after the awarding of the contract, enters into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications and bills of material, which said contract is made a part of this bond the same as though set forth herein; and

IF THE SAID Principal shall well and faithfully perform each and every condition of such contract; and indemnify the Obligees against all damage suffered by failure to perform such contract according to the provisions thereof and in accordance with the plans, details, specifications and bills of material therefore; and shall pay all lawful claims of subcontractors, material suppliers and laborers for labor performed and materials furnished in the carrying forward, performing or completing of said contract; we, agreeing and assenting to, at this undertaking shall be for the benefit of any material supplier or

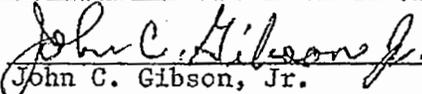
laborer having a just claim, as well as for the Obligees herein: then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the same shall remain in full force and effect; it being expressly understood and agreed that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall in no event exceed the penal amount of this obligation as herein stated.

THE SAID Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no modifications, omissions or additions, in or to ~~the terms of said contract or in or to the plans and specifications, therefore, shall in any wise affect the~~ obligations of said Surety on its bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such modifications, omissions or additions to the terms of the contract or to the work or to the specifications.

SIGNED this 19 day of August 2003

PRINCIPAL:

Jack Gibson Construction Company

By: 
John C. Gibson, Jr.

Title: CEO

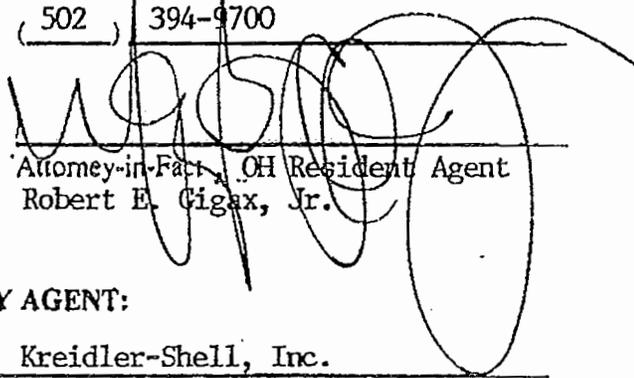
The State of Ohio does not require a Co Seal; therefore, we do not use one.

SURETY:

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Address: 10507 Timberwood Circle, Suite 208
Louisville, KY 40223

Phone: (502) 394-9700

By: 
Attorney-in-Fact, OH Resident Agent
Robert E. Gigax, Jr.

SURETY AGENT:

Schiff, Kreidler-Shell, Inc.

Address: 1 West Fourth Street, Suite 1300
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Phone: (513) 977-3100

POWER OF ATTORNEY

HARTFORD PLAZA
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115

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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT the *Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company and Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company*, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut; *Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois*, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois; *Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Twin City Fire Insurance Company and Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest*, corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana; and *Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast*, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida; having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, *up to the amount of unlimited*:

Robert E. Gigax, Jr., Thomas R. Dietz, Cassandra J. Krumpelman, Monica A. Bricken
of
Cincinnati, OH

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by , and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof; on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on September 12th, 2000, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Paul A. Bergenholz

Paul A. Bergenholz, Assistant Secretary

John P. Hyland

John P. Hyland, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD } ss. Hartford

On this 19th day of September, 2000, before me personally came John P. Hyland, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



Jean H. Wozniak

Jean H. Wozniak
Notary Public
My Commission Expires June 30, 2004

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of *8/19/03*

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



Colleen Mastroianni

Colleen Mastroianni, Assistant Vice President

Office of Financial
Regulation Services
2100 Stella Court
Columbus, OH 43215-1067
(614) 644-2658
Fax (614) 644-3256
www.ohioinsurance.gov

Ohio Department of Insurance
Bob Taft – Governor
Ann Womer Benjamin – Director
Certificate of Compliance



Issued 06/26/03

Effective ~~04/02/03~~

Expires 04/01/04

I, Ann Womer Benjamin, hereby certify that I am the Director of Insurance in the State of Ohio and have supervision of insurance business in said State and as such I hereby certify that

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

is authorized to transact the business of insurance under the following section(s) of the Ohio Revised Code:

3929.01 (A) Accident & Health	3929.01 (A) Group Accident & Health
3929.01 (A) Aircraft	3929.01 (A) Inland Marine
3929.01 (A) Allied Lines	3929.01 (A) Multiple Peril – Commercial
3929.01 (A) Boiler & Machinery	3929.01 (A) Multiple Peril – Farmowners
3929.01 (A) Burglary & Theft	3929.01 (A) Multiple Peril – Homeowners
3929.01 (A) Commercial Auto – Liability	3929.01 (A) Ocean Marine
3929.01 (A) Commercial Auto – Phys. Damage	3929.01 (A) Other Liability
3929.01 (A) Earthquake	3929.01 (A) Private Passenger Auto – Other
3929.01 (A) Fidelity	3929.01 (A) Private Passenger – Phys. Damage
3929.01 (A) Fire	3929.01 (A) Surety
3929.01 (A) Glass	3929.01 (A) Workers Compensation

Hartford Fire Insurance Company certified in its annual statement to this Department as of December 31, 2002 that it has admitted assets in the amount \$ 14,902,354,572, liabilities in the of \$ 8,577,564,445, and surplus of at least \$ 6,324,790,127.

Ann H. Womer Benjamin
Director

Accredited by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Hartford, Connecticut
 Financial Statement, December 31, 2001
 (Statutory Basis)

ASSETS

U.S. Government Bonds \$	148,092,979
Bonds of other Governments	346,976,838
State, County, Municipal and Miscellaneous Bonds	3,362,771,442
Stocks	5,290,183,200
Short Term Investments	9,646,163
	\$ 9,157,670,622
Real Estate \$	130,193,290
Cash	305,526,338
Agents' Balances (Under 90 Day... ..)	2,013,965,779
Other Invested Assets	175,382,660
Miscellaneous	1,722,428,394
Total Admitted Assets \$	13,505,167,083

LIABILITIES

Reserve for Claims	\$	
and Claim Expense... ..		4,271,833,265
Reserve for Unearned Premiums		1,218,721,182
Reserve for Taxes, License and Fees		65,276,645
Miscellaneous Liabilities		2,340,184,492
Total Liabilities \$		7,896,015,584
Capital Paid In \$	55,000,000	
Surplus	5,554,151,499	
Surplus as regards Policyholders... \$		5,609,151,499
Total Liabilities, Capital and Surplus \$		13,505,167,083

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 COUNTY OF HARTFORD
 CITY OF HARTFORD

}
 ss.

Donald J. LaValley, Assistant Vice-President, and Patricia A. Murrone, Assistant Secretary of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, being duly sworn, each deposes and says that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the said company's financial condition as of December 31, 2001.

Sworn to before me February 26, 2002

Jean H. Wozniak
 Jean H. Wozniak
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires June 30, 2004



Donald J. LaValley

Donald J. LaValley, Assistant Vice-President

Patricia A. Murrone

Patricia A. Murrone, Assistant Secretary



<i>Obligee's/Insured's Name</i> Grand Valley Local School District
<i>Obligee's/Insured's Mailing Address</i> 315 North Maple Street Orwell, Ohio 44076
<i>Bond/Policy Number</i> Bid Bond

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OBLIGEEES/POLICYHOLDERS – TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2002

You are hereby notified that, under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, effective November 26, 2002, we must make terrorism coverage available in your bond/policy. However, the actual coverage provided by your bond/policy for acts of terrorism, as is true for all coverages, is limited by the terms, conditions, exclusions, limits, other provisions of your bond/policy, any endorsements to the bond/policy and generally applicable rules of law.

Any terrorism coverage provided by this bond/policy is partially reinsured by the United States of America under a formula established by Federal Law. Under this formula, the United States will pay 90% of covered terrorism losses exceeding a statutory-established deductible paid by sureties/insurers until such time as insured losses under the program reach \$100 billion. If that occurs, Congress will determine the procedures for, and the source of, any payments for losses in excess of \$100 billion.

The premium charge that has been established for terrorism coverage under this bond/policy is either shown on this form or elsewhere in the bond/policy. If there is no premium shown for terrorism on this form or elsewhere in the bond/policy, there is no premium for the coverage.

Terrorism premium:	\$0
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State of Ohio
Ohio School Facilities Commission

FORM OF BID GUARANTY & CONTRACT BOND
(As prescribed by Section 153.571, ORC)

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the undersigned
MCMILLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY as Principal at _____
(Address) 26457 St. Rt. 58, Wellington, Ohio 44090
and MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY as Surety, are hereby held and firmly bound unto
the State of Ohio, the Ohio School Facilities Commission and the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GRAND VALLEY LOCAL School District Board as Obligees in the penal sum of
the dollar amount of the bid submitted by the Principal to the Obligees on (date) May 15, 2003
_____ to undertake the Project known as: Sitework - Bid Package 2A for New Combination PK - 12.

The penal sum, referred to herein, shall be the dollar amount of the Principal's bid to the Obligees, incorporating any additive or deductive alternate bids made by the Principal on the date referred to above to the Obligees, which are accepted by the Obligees. In no case shall the penal sum exceed the amount of dollars (\$ _____). (If the above line is left blank, the penal sum will be the full amount of the Principal's bid, including alternates. Alternatively, if completed, the amount stated must not be less than the full amount of the bid, including alternates, in dollars and cents. A percentage is not acceptable.) For the payment of the penal sum well and truly to be made, we hereby jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

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NOW, THEREFORE, if the Obligees accept the bid of the Principal, and the Principal fails to enter into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications and bills of material; and in the event the Principal pays to the Obligees the difference not to exceed ten percent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid and such larger amount for which the Obligees may in good faith contract with the next lowest bidder to perform the work covered by the bid; or resubmits the project for bidding, the Principal will pay the Obligees the difference not to exceed ten percent of the penalty hereof between the amount specified in the bid, or the costs, in connection with the resubmission, of printing new contract documents, required advertising and printing and mailing notices to prospective bidders, whichever is less, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. If the Obligees accept the bid of the Principal, and the Principal, within ten days after the awarding of the contract, enters into a proper contract in accordance with the bid, plans, details, specifications and bills of material, which said contract is made a part of this bond the same as though set forth herein; and

IF THE SAID Principal shall well and faithfully perform each and every condition of such contract; and indemnify the Obligees against all damage suffered by failure to perform such contract according to the provisions thereof and in accordance with the plans, details, specifications and bills of material therefore; and shall pay all lawful claims of subcontractors, material suppliers and laborers for labor performed and materials furnished in the carrying forward, performing or completing of said contract; we, agreeing and assenting to, at this undertaking shall be for the benefit of any material supplier or



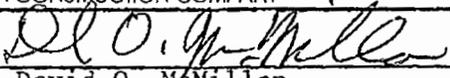
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THE SAID Surety hereby stipulates and agrees that no modifications, omissions or additions, in or to the terms of said contract or in or to the plans and specifications, therefore, shall in any wise affect the obligations of said Surety on its bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such modifications, omissions or additions to the terms of the contract or to the work or to the specifications.

SIGNED this 15th day of May, 2003

PRINCIPAL:

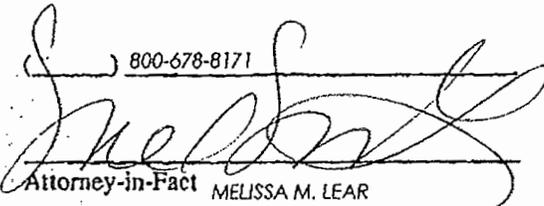
MCMILLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By: 
David O. McMillan
Title: Owner

SURETY:

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

Address: 2100 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50321

Phone: () 800-678-8171
By: 
Attorney-in-Fact MELISSA M. LEAR

SURETY AGENT:

DAWSON INSURANCE, INC.

Address: 1340 Depot Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44116

Phone: () 440-333-9000

Merchants Bonding Company

(Mutual)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal office in the City of Des Moines, County of Polk, State of Iowa, hath made, constituted and appointed, and does by these presents make, constitute and appoint:

Melissa M. Lear, John D. Schramm, Frank P. Middelberg, Bruce W. Lockhart, Kyp L. Ross,
Lisa M. Colohan, Linda M. Cowin, Kathy Van Tassel

of Cleveland and State of Ohio by true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred in its name, place and stead, to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver in its behalf as surety any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

TEN MILLION (\$10,000,000.00) DOLLARS

and to bind the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bond or undertaking was signed by the duly authorized officers of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), and all the acts of said Attorney-in-Fact, pursuant to the authority herein given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power-of-Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following Amended Substituted and Restated By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) on October 3, 1992.

ARTICLE 11, SECTION 8 - The Chairman of the Board or President or any Vice President or Secretary shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

ARTICLE 11, SECTION 9 - The signature of any authorized officer and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed.

In Witness Whereof, MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) has caused these presents to be signed by its President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 6th day of March, 2001.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)

By *Larry Taylor*
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

On this 6th day of March, 2001, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), the corporation described in the foregoing instrument, and that the Seal affixed to the said instrument is the Corporate Seal of the said Corporation and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said Corporation by authority of its Board of Directors.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at the City of Des Moines, Iowa, the day and year first above written.



Ruth K. McClain
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POLK ss.

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), which is still in force and effect.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Company on this 15th day of May, 2003.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary



MIKE DEWINE

★ OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL ★

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March 26, 2014

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ASHTABULA CO. OH

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Re: Grand Valley Local School District Board of
Education, et al. v. Buehrer Group Architecture
& Engineering, Inc., et al.
Case No. 2014 CV-0161

Dear Clerk of Courts:

Enclosed please find the original and 2 copies of Plaintiffs' Supplemental Filing of Exhibits to Complaint. Please file the original and return the time-stamped copies to me in the envelope provided.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

Sincerely,

MIKE DEWINE
Ohio Attorney General

David A. Beals/las

DAVID A. BEALS
Assistant Attorney General
(614) 466-7447/Fax: 644-9185

DAB/las
Enclosure

cc: All parties of record (w/Encl.)

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COLUMBUS, OH 43215

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GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCAT et a

You are hereby notified that service was not perfected on:

Reason for Service: CIVIL SUMMONS 20 (Commons Pleas)
Recipient: HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
10507 TIMBERWOOD CIRCLE SUITE 208
LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

Reason for Failure:
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Tami Pentek

By: 
Deputy Clerk

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Tami Pentek
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Jefferson, Ohio 44047-1092



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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO
CIVIL DIVISION

GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION, *et al.*

Plaintiffs,

v.

BUEHRER GROUP
ARCHITECTURE &
ENGINEERING, INC., *et al.*

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2014 CV 00161

JUDGE GARY YOST

STIPULATED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

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CLERK OF COURTS
COMMON PLEAS COURT
ASHTABULA CO. OH

Defendant, Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc. ("Buehrer"), by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Ashtabula County Local Civil Rule 4(A), hereby requests an additional thirty (30) days leave to move or plead to Plaintiffs' Complaint up to and including, May 12, 2014. Plaintiffs' counsel and counsel for Co-Defendant Jack Gibson Construction, Co., the only parties who have appearances of counsel, have stipulated to this extension. A proposed Order is attached for this Court's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Beals (per email consent)

James E. Rook (0061671)
David A. Beals (0038495)
Assistant Attorneys General
Court of Claims Defense
150 East Gay Street, 18th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
614.466.7447
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rziegler@reminger.com

Counsel for Defendant Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc.

/s/ Joseph Gerling (per telephone consent)
Joseph A. Gerling (0022054)
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Suite 500
Columbus, Ohio 43215-7032
614.228.6885
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igerling@lanealton.com
Counsel for Defendant Jade Gibson Construction Co.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing was served upon the following by regular U.S. mail/and or electronic mail this 9th day of April 2014:

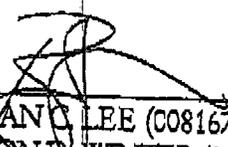
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Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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Suite 500
Columbus, Ohio 43215-7032
Counsel for Defendant Jade Gibson Construction Co.

McMillan Construction Limited
Alta McMillan Construction Co.
c/o David O. McMillan
26457 State Route 58
Wellington, Ohio 44090
Co-defendant

Hartford Fire Insurance Company
10507 Timberwood Circle, Suite 208
Louisville, KY 40223
c/o agent: Schiff, Kreidler-Shell, Inc.
1 West Fourth Street, Suite 1300
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Co-defendant

Merchants Bonding Company
2100 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50321
c/o Agent: Dawson Insurance, Inc.
1340 Depot Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44116
Co-defendant


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Dear Clerk:

Enclosed please find the Stipulated Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer to Complaint with regard to the referenced matter.

Please file the original and return a time-stamped copy in the enclosed postage pre-paid envelope.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

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GRAND VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION,
et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

BUEHRER GROUP ARCHITECTURE
& ENGINEERING, INC., et al.

Defendants.

Judge Gary L. Yost

Case No. 2014CV0161

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ANSWER

For its Answer, Defendant Merchants Bonding Company ("Merchants") states the following:

1. In response to Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Merchants states that the nature of this action speaks for itself.
2. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.
3. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.
4. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

5. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

6. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

7. Merchants admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

8. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

9. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

10. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

11. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

12. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

13. In response to paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint, Merchants admits only that McMillan was an Ohio corporation and that the Ohio Secretary of State's records show a dissolution was filed in 2007. Merchant's is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations and therefore, denies the same.

14. In response to the allegations in paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Merchants admits only that McMillan entered into a contract relating to the Project. Answering further, Merchants states that the terms and scope of work of that contract speak for themselves. .

15. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

16. Merchants admits the allegations set forth in paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

17. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

18. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

19. To the extent that paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Complaint alleges that Defendant McMillan and/or Merchants failed to perform and otherwise breached certain terms of their respective contracts, breached expressed and implied warranties, failed to correct defective materials and installations, breached their respective standards of care, failed to perform in a workmanlike manner, and/or otherwise failed to comply with the requirements of the Contract

Documents, and such alleged failures proximately caused the Owners to incur additional costs and damages, Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Complaint. Further answering, Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

20. Merchants admits only that a surety bond existed between Merchants and Defendant McMillan, but denies that Defendant McMillan proximately caused any damage so as to hold Merchants jointly and severally liable. Further answering, Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

21. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

22. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

23. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-22 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

24. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

25. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

26. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

27. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-26 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

28. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

29. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 29 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

30. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 30 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

31. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-30 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

32. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 32 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

33. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 33 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

34. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 34 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

35. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 35 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

36. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 36 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

37. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-36 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

38. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

39. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

40. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

41. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

42. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

43. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-42 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

44. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

45. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

46. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

47. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-46 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

48. In response to the allegations set forth in paragraph 48 of Plaintiffs' Complaint, Merchants admits only that it provided a bond related to the Project. Merchants states the terms of the bond speak for itself but denies it has any obligation to Plaintiffs related to the Project.

49. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 49 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

50. Merchants denies the allegations set forth in paragraph 50 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

51. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-50 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

52. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

53. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 53 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

54. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 54 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

55. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-54 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

56. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 56 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

57. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 57 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

58. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-57 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

59. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 59 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

60. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 60 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

61. Merchants incorporates by reference its responses to paragraphs 1-60 of Plaintiffs' Complaint as if fully restated herein.

62. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 62 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

63. Merchants is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 63 of Plaintiffs' Complaint; and therefore, denies the same.

64. Merchants denies each and every allegation not specifically admitted as true herein.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

65. Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against the principal, Defendant McMillan, and, in turn, has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against Merchants.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

66. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrines of laches, waiver, and/or estoppel.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

67. Merchants, through its surety bond, is entitled to assert any and all such defenses as would be available to Defendant McMillan and reserves the right to assert such defenses at a later date.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

68. Merchants reserves the right to assert such other defenses that may become apparent through discovery.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered Plaintiffs' Complaint, Merchants respectfully requests that Plaintiffs' claims be dismissed with prejudice at Plaintiffs' cost.

Respectfully submitted,



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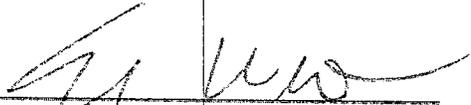
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Dear Clerk:

I am enclosing an original and two copies of the Answer of Defendant Merchants Bonding Company for filing in the captioned matter. Please return a file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Respectfully,

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