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BETHEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Christine Carver Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools
Bethel Public Schools
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Bethel, CT 06801

RE: RMT Johnson School - space standard waiver
Anna Rockwell School - space standard waiver

Dear Superintendent Carver,

First, I wish to congratulate you on a successful referendum on your two school projects. As a former Mayor, I am well aware of the time and effort it takes to adequately inform the voters of the vital need of projects that affect our communities.

Secondly, I am in receipt of your request for space standard waivers for the above mentioned schools. I specifically noted a second look at enrollment at the request of Director Kosta Diamantis to substantiate your increase in enrollment and the stability of those enrollment numbers over the course of 10 years. It appears those numbers are substantiated.

I have also taken into account the age of the facility and the amount of work or rather lack of work that has gone into the buildings and their disrepair. Certainly the case is made for renovation, but I am hopeful the case is also made that the buildings that we are about to renovate will see themselves with appropriate funding to maintain them properly and efficiently.

I have also noted the specific programming you have offered for each school and review of the Educational specifications outlining very specific needs based on the age of the students and special education needs within the district. Director Diamantis has informed me of the great efforts you and your team has made meeting our space standards and guidelines. He has informed me that you have met all the challenges he and his team placed upon your team.

Therefore, I shall grant your waiver of 1 percent on the Johnson School and 29.6 percent on the Rockwell School noted the space necessary for special education for children with various degrees of needs and the fact these are existing buildings. Good luck on your projects as you continue to work with our office to complete these projects on time and within budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melody A. Currey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

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cc: Kostas Diamantis, Director/OSCG&R