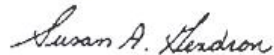


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I have reviewed the findings of the School Facilities Team and find I concur with their view. As you know, I will need to make a recommendation to the State Board of Education when concept approval appears on the Board's agenda.

We wish you well with your deliberations and hope that work on the concept approval details can begin in the immediate future.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Gendron  
Commissioner of Education

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cc: Scott E. Brown, Director of School Facilities  
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