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James Bucksbee, President
Board of School Directors
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Dear Mr. Bucksbee:

On August 23, 2007, the Department received your Mandate Waiver Program Application. The application requested approval for the district to waive 24 P.S. § 7-751a of the School Code. The district requests to waive the bidding requirements to complete construction of a proposed training laboratory which would be assigned to students who are enrolled in the Erie County Technical School (ECTS) to provide an opportunity for improved instruction.

Based upon our review of the application and the additional information you supplied, the Department concludes that the district will operate more effectively, efficiently, and economically if the waiver is approved. Furthermore, the request is permitted under Section 1714-B of the School Code. Therefore, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Department has approved your waiver request for this project.

Please recognize that the waiver is limited to sections 751 only; if any other laws, regulations or requirements may be affected, the district should consult its solicitor. You will note that the Department's approval is conditioned upon our understanding that the waiver does not violate any other law, court order, or provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. In addition, the Department's approval applies only to the construction work described in the application.

Pursuant to Section 1714-B (f) of the School Code, the district is required to submit an evaluation to the Department by August 29, 2010. As part of your evaluation, the Department asks you to record and compare the estimated costs and time schedules of the project to the actual costs after completion.

I wish you success in the implementation of your waiver. Please do not hesitate to contact Mary Cornman, Mandate Waiver Program Director at (717) 346-3354 or by email at: mcornman@state.pa.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerald L. Zahorchak".

Gerald L. Zahorchak, D.Ed.

c: Aldo R. Jackson, Administrative Director