



READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Ms. Linda Phillips
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Dear Ms. Phillips,

I am in receipt of your requests for information dated March 1st. Please find listed below your questions and my response to those questions.

1. *How many "English as a Second Language" students do we have in Reading Public Schools (or out of district if we have any) and in which schools are they located?*

There are a total of 45 English as a Second Language students in the Reading Public Schools. No out of district special education students are designated as English as a Second Language students.

School	ESL Students
RMHS	12
Coolidge	4
Parker	8
Barrows	2
Birch Meadow	3
Eaton	3
Killam	13
Total	45

2. *I would like a copy of the School Committee Minutes or any other documents that reveal a vote of the School Committee to appoint the Superintendent the signing authority for the Architectural Contract for Flansburgh & Associates dated August 29, 2000.*

Attached is a copy of the School Committee vote at their meeting on March 27, 2000.

- 3a. *I would like to request a signed copy of the Feasibility Study Contracts for Drumney, Rosanne and Anderson (DRA), and Strekalovsky & Hoit, Inc. for Reading Memorial High School.*

Attached is a copy of the signed contract with Drumney, Rosanne and Anderson (DRA). I do not have a copy of the signed contract with Strekalovsky & Hoit.

- 3b. *I would also like a copy of the "Architectural Firm Evaluation" sheet used to rank the finalists for the above mentioned Feasibility Studies that was used by the Selection Subcommittee that you participated in. I have attached a copy of the Elementary School Study sheet as a possible example of the form that was probably used.*

I do not have the evaluation sheets you requested.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry K. Harutunian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Harry K. Harutunian, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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JUNE 21, 2000

MS. LINDA PHILLIPS
42 WILLOW STREET
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DEAR MRS. PHILLIPS:

THANKYOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 16,2000 .

THE HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY STREKALOVSKY & HOIT IS THE ONLY SCHOOL BUILDING STUDY , IN RECENT MEMORY, WHICH WAS NOT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

TOWN MEETING AUTHORIZED THE FUNDS BE APPROPRIATED DIRECTLY TO THE READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND PLACED THE STUDY UNDER THEIR CARE CUSTODY AND CONTROL.

AS A RESULT THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE IS NOT THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR THE STREKALOVSKY AND HOIT FEASIBILITY STUDY, NOR WAS IT INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF INTERVIEWING OR CHOOSING THE ARCHITECT FOR THAT STUDY.

I AM REGRETFULLY, UNABLE THEREFORE, TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE REQUESTED.

I WOULD SUGGEST YOU SOLICIT THAT INFORMATION FROM THE READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

I AM SURE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THE READING SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE , AS A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF TOWN MEETING, CAN NOT AND OUGHT NOT TO INTERVENE IN A STUDY SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED BY TOWN MEETING TO ANOTHER ELECTED BODY OF THE TOWN.

SINCERELY,


RUSSELL T. GRAHAM