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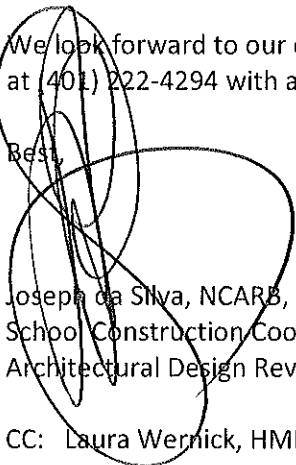
Dear Dr. Ambrogi,

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has received Newport's Design Development set for the Claiborne Pell Elementary School.

Pursuant to RIDE School Construction Regulations, RIDE conducts reviews at each design stage to ensure that design documents comply with the program approved by the Board of Regents and with the regulations. RIDE has conducted the review of the Design Development documents submitted and has found that they are in compliance with the regulations and in alignment with the Regents' approval. The district is authorized to proceed with Construction Documents.

We look forward to our continued collaboration through the design and construction of this project. Please contact me at (401) 222-4294 with any questions.

Best,



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