



October 22, 2009

Ms. Kay Romero, President
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Dear Ms. Romero:

Thank you for your letter dated October 8, 2009, regarding bidding construction projects during this favorable market environment. We, too, are eager to take advantage the current construction climate by bidding as many construction projects as possible.

For that reason, the modernizations of Paint Branch High School and Farmland Elementary School are being bid in November or December 2009. Also, the following eight addition projects are being bid this fall: Brookhaven, Fairland, Fox Chapel, Harmony Hills, Jackson Road, Montgomery Knolls, Rock View, and Whetstone elementary schools. The addition project for Sherwood Elementary School was bid earlier this spring, and the construction is well under way.

The projects bidding in spring 2010 include the modernizations of Seven Locks, Garrett Park, and Cannon Road elementary schools; the school-based health center at Rolling Terrace Elementary School; and the Wellness Center at Watkins Mill High School. The reopening of the Downcounty Consortium Elementary School #29 (McKenney Hills) will bid in fall 2010.

The designs for the modernizations of Herbert Hoover Middle School and Gaithersburg High School have just begun. It will take at least 24 months to complete the designs and obtain the necessary permits for buildings of this size. These two projects will be ready to bid in spring 2011.

The modernizations of Glenallan, Beverly Farms, and Weller Road elementary schools, along with gymnasium additions at North Chevy Chase, Westbrook, and Cold Spring elementary schools currently are in the process of architectural selection. The architectural appointments of these projects are anticipated to be approved by the Board of Education in December 2009. Given the length of time required for design and permitting, these projects will be bid in 2011. The design for the modernization of Bel Pre Elementary School and feasibility studies for the modernizations of William H. Farquhar Middle School and Wheaton High School will start July 2010.

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I hope this provides the information you need for your constituency, and I want to thank you for your continued support for Montgomery County Public Schools students. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Song, director, Division of Construction, at 240-314-1000, or Mr. Joseph Lavorgna, acting director, Department of Facilities Management, at 240-314-1060.

Respectfully,



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Superintendent of Schools

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