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From: Charles A. Longfellow, Ed.D., Associate Secretary, Operations Support

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CL", is written over the name Charles A. Longfellow.

CC: James Pennewell, Education Associate, Capital Project Management

Date: April 17, 2019

Re: Fiscal Year 2021 School Construction Formula and Escalation

As authorized by Regulation 401, Section 1.1.1 (Title 14, Delaware Administrative Code), the Secretary of Education has adjusted the cost per square foot for construction for Certificate of Necessity (CN) applications considered for inclusion in the Department of Education's FY2021 Bond and Capital Improvements Act request. The new rates are a 3% increase above the current rates and are as follows:

Elementary School	\$382.13 per square foot
Middle School	\$408.09 per square foot
High School	\$435.48 per square foot

Additionally, the Department has updated the rate and method of calculating escalation for projects requested in the FY2021 budget cycle. The annual rate of allowable escalation for fiscal years after the initial year of funding will be 3% annually, and will be based on the annual cash flow requirements as determined throughout the CN request process. Per 29 Del. C. §7503(b), total escalation shall not exceed 15% for each project.

Please contact Jimmy Pennewell at (302) 857-3364 or james.pennewell@doe.k12.de.us for additional clarification or for support during the CN process.

c: Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D., Secretary of Education