



September 18, 2024

Dear CPARB's Project Review Committee (PRC),

I am writing to express our strong support for North Thurston Public Schools in their pursuit of approval for GC/CM construction of the new Young Child Family Center (YCFC). As Vice President of Absher Construction, our team has had the pleasure of working closely with Tony Matiatos and his team including Greene Gasaway and Bassetti Architects on their on-going River Ridge High School Modernization project. The project teams have embraced the spirit of collaboration.

As they embark on their first use of the GC/CM delivery method for the YCFC, we are confident that the District will fully embrace the spirit of this approach. As Chair of CPARB's Education Connections Committee, I am encouraged that the District has have been doing their due diligence by engaging the industry, Absher included, to fully understand best practices, experience gained and lessons learned. By doing so they are putting themselves in the best position for success on their first GC/CM Project.

We wholeheartedly support North Thurston Public Schools in their efforts to deliver the Young Child Family Center using GC/CM. We look forward to seeing them leverage the early collaborative process to achieve success on the YCFC project and providing them further experience for their future construction projects where GC/CM may be a consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Curt Gimmestad'.

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