

July 23, 2025

Evanston/Skokie SD65  
1500 McDaniel Avenue  
Evanston IL 60201

**RE: FOSTER SCHOOL K&J PAINTING CHANGE ORDER #1 MEMO**

Dear Mr. Callam:

The Foster School is currently under construction and is tracking on schedule.

Throughout construction, Cordogan Clark has been tracking overall project contingency, and contingency allowances that are built into the contracts and potential change orders of each prime contractor.

During construction, District 65 representatives and the District's owner's representative have indicated a concern about the exterior light-colored precast concrete at ground level and how it will be susceptible to dirt, scuffs, and potential graffiti markings. The District team stated their desire to augment the exterior façade with a protective Anti – Graffiti Coating up to a datum point (top of 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows). Our teams view this protective coating as a necessary and prudent investment in the long-term maintenance and preservation of the building's exterior. Given the challenging nature of cleaning precast surfaces, applying this coating now will enable the District to easily remove any potential dirt, grime, scuffs, or graffiti with a basic removal process, thereby avoiding more costly and extensive cleaning or repair efforts down the road. This is considered especially helpful for effective building maintenance.

Cordogan Clark reviewed proposals for various coatings (sacrificial and non-sacrificial). The coatings were tested on the precast mockup panel to help determine the preferred coating and to see how the removal process would perform. The preferred coating was the one coat, non-sacrificial coating that will cost an added \$120,000 to the project budget (see attached K&J Painting Quote). The coating has a 10+ year life expectancy.

We recommend that the BOE approve this change order which will increase the K&J Painting Contract value by \$120,000 to a new value of \$621,020.

We thank you for this opportunity to serve Evanston/Skokie D65 on this critical project. Should you require any additional information or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cordogan Clark**



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