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August 28, 2025

Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent
Hunterdon County
Readington Township School District No.5180
52 Readington Road
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RE: DEBT SERVICE AID REQUEST

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Holland Brook School

State Project No. 4350-030-25-1000

Description: System Improvements

A NOVEMBER 2025 REFERENDUM IS PLANNED

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*New Construction	0	0	0	0.00	Max: 0	\$ -
					Actual:	\$ -
Other Eligible Costs for Educational Adequacy (Based on \$143/SF)					0	\$ -
**Rehabilitation						\$ 7,093,251.00
TOTAL FEC						\$ 7,093,251.00
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on \$143/SF)					0	\$ -
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on estimated actual cost for rehabilitation)						\$ 150,650.00
TOTAL Ineligible Excess Costs						\$ 150,650.00
Total Project Cost						\$ 7,243,901.00
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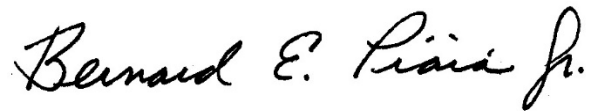
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Description: Special Education Classroom Conversion

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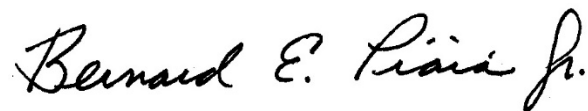
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Readington Middle School

State Project No. 4350-050-25-2000

Description: Media Center Renovations

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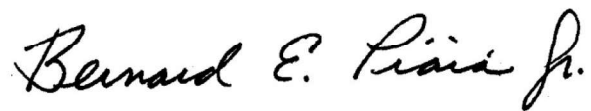
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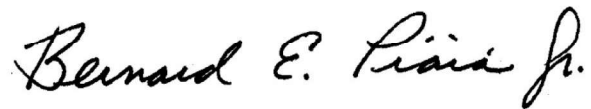
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Three Bridges School

State Project No. 4350-060-25-2000

Description: Replace the Classroom Cubbies

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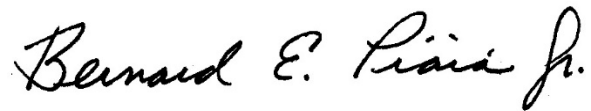
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Three Bridges School

State Project No. 4350-060-25-1000

Description: System Improvements

A NOVEMBER 2025 REFERENDUM IS PLANNED

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Your District has submitted an application for a school facilities project pursuant to Section 5 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, c.72 ("EFCFA" or the "Act") and the New Jersey Department of Education implementing regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1 et seq. ("Regulations"). The New Jersey Department of Education-Office of School Facilities ("Department") reviewed the project application, and based on its review, issued a letter dated **July 17, 2025**, giving approval of the school facilities project, determining preliminary eligible costs ("PEC"), and notifying the District of certain construction and funding options. The District notified the Department of its option choices. Based on these submissions and determinations, the Department hereby makes the following determination on final eligible costs ("FEC") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.6.

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Pursuant to the Act, the following are FEC for the school facilities project:

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	Functional Capacity (FC)	Projected Enrollment (PE)	Unhoused Students (UH)	Area Allowance / FTE Student (AA)	****Maximum or Actual Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Final Eligible Cost (FEC)
*New Construction	0	0	0	0.00	Max: 0	\$ -
					Actual: 0	\$ -
Other Eligible Costs for Educational Adequacy (Based on \$143/SF)					0	\$ -
**Rehabilitation						\$ 8,540,245.00
TOTAL FEC						\$ 8,540,245.00
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on \$143/SF)					0	\$ -
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on estimated actual cost for rehabilitation)						\$ 320,000.00
TOTAL Ineligible Excess Costs						\$ 320,000.00
Total Project Cost						\$ 8,860,245.00
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FY 25 DAP =	0.0000%			or 40% whichever is greater.		40.0000%
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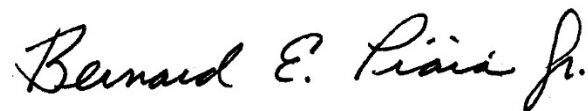
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THIS PROJECT DOES IMPACT EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY AND IS SUBJECT TO DOE FINAL EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY REVIEW.

Whitehouse School

State Project No. 4350-070-25-2000

Description: Replace the Classroom Cubbies

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Final Eligible Cost Calculations for SP#:					43550-070-25-2000	Whitehouse School
	Functional Capacity (FC)	Projected Enrollment (PE)	Unhoused Students (UH)	Area Allowance / FTE Student (AA)	****Maximum or Actual Gross Square Footage (GSF)	Final Eligible Cost (FEC)
*New Construction	0	0	0	0.00	Max: 0	\$ -
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**Rehabilitation						\$ 121,300.00
TOTAL FEC						\$ 121,300.00
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on \$143/SF)					0	\$ -
Ineligible Excess Costs (Based on estimated actual cost for rehabilitation)						\$ -
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Total Project Cost						\$ 121,300.00
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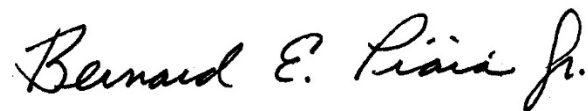
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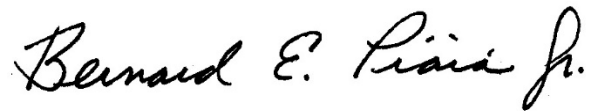
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