Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Lake County Regional Office of Education has had the fire lane configuration under our radar since the very first preliminary design meeting with Architect Perkins + Will and the school district representatives. At that first meeting a couple of items regarding the proposed new campus site plan geometries as well as an existing condition were identified and discussed. The ROE required the Architects to revise the preliminary campus site plan to address the concerns brought forth. The concerns addressed at the first meeting were as follows:

- Verify new parking lot areas and fire lane turning radii with Highland Park Fire Department's fire fighting apparatus and equipment. Additionally confirm particular fire lane signage and marking regulations Highland Park Fire Department may have if different than required by the International Fire Code (IFC) Section 503.3 Markings.
- Review final site dimensions of the revised layout regarding the maximum 150 foot distances to portions of the building as required by IFC Section 503.1.1 Buildings and Facilities.
- Review and modify the existing short term parking arrangement to a “drop-off loading zone only” status arrangement on the north side of Vine Avenue directly along the South elevation of the existing school for compliance with IFC Section 503.4. Obstruction of fire apparatus access roads. Provided marking and signage per IFC Section 503.3 Markings accordingly.

An integral part of a school's-campus site planning is to address local fire department’s specific apparatus access in case of a fire or evacuation emergency via dedicated fire lanes and drive aisles on the school property. There has been close collaboration between the ROE, the Architect's design team and the Highland Park Fire Department to ensure a safe, usable and adequate campus fire lane arrangement. To the best of our knowledge and belief the final construction documents submitted for permit comply with the requirements of the 2009 IFC-Section 503 Fire Apparatus Access Roads.
Please contact John Frase at (224) 545-7295 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully

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