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Ms. Laurie Leader
City of Portland – Planning Division
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

RE: City of Portland/Portland Public Schools
New school on existing Hall School site
23 Orono Road
Building Permit Application response

Dear Laurie

The Portland Public Schools are pleased to submit the following response to comments regarding the review of the building permit application for our new school being built on the existing Hall School site at 23 Orono Road.

In response to questions related to ADA compliance, specifically as it relates to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Chapter 2, Section 226, Dining Surfaces and Work Surfaces, and Section 221, Assembly Areas, we offer the following:

The Portland Public Schools have worked very closely with Oak Point Associates in the design of the new school and become very familiar with our obligations to meet these standards including furnishings. The Portland Public Schools shall purchase at least 5% of its work surfaces intended for public (non-employee) use to accommodate any person's needs, including those with disabilities. The designated workstations will be modular and easily adjustable from a seated to standing position. We are, also, considering similar accommodations for our own employees. Likewise, our public assembly areas (gym, cafeteria and library) will have accessible wheelchair spaces and companion seating.

I trust that the submitted information is sufficient to meet the intent of the comments. Please let me know if there is any additional information or clarification that you require in this regard. We/I appreciate your assistance in the process of building our newest 21st century school.

Respectfully,

Douglas Ritter Sherwood
Director, Facilities Services

Cc: Tyler Barter, Oak Point Associates
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