

Dear Pat,

I hope you are well and enjoying Spring!

Attached please find our signed addendum to our independent school approval application.

Additionally, I found one inaccuracy in our report. On page 5 it states: "Both facilities have hard-wired sprinkler systems." Only our academic building is sprinklered. The Fitness Facility is not as this was not required for a single story non-residential building.

Please let me know if you need any further information, and let me know the schedule for May 3 and 17th when you have those.

Thanks!
Mariel

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On Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 2:02 PM Pallas Gray, Pat <Pat.PallasGray@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Mariel,

Thanks for letting me know you received the report.

Take care

Pat

From: Mariel Meringolo <mmeringolo@okemomountainschool.org>

Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 12:58 PM

To: Pallas Gray, Pat <Pat.PallasGray@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Visiting Team Report

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Dear Pat,

Thank you so much for sending this along. I will review it in advance of April 21 and confirm its accuracy, or provide any edits. I can be available for the May 3 and 17 meetings.

I will also sign and return the addendum.

Hope you are well and enjoying the start of spring!

Best,

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On Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 8:40 AM Pallas Gray, Pat <Pat.PallasGray@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hello,

The draft visiting team report and an addendum document are attached. By State Board rule, you have 30 days to review the report for accuracy purpose. If, however, you can review the report and send your response via email by April 21, we are in hopes of getting the school's visiting school report and your response on the full State Board's May 17th agenda. If this isn't possible, please let me know and we will need to consider the request for renewal at the Board's meeting in June. Please do not make corrections to the actual draft report, just provide a list of any changes needed for accuracy purposes.

The new independent school process requires the draft reports first go to an Independent School State Board Subcommittee. At their meeting, they will want to speak to you briefly about the report and perhaps ask questions regarding your school; therefore, you will need to be available for a short time on the day/time they are meeting. Generally, it takes about 10 minutes or so. The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on May 3, 2023.

The full State Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023. The Subcommittee will introduce your school to the full Board at this meeting. Again, you will need to be available to speak to the full Board if they have questions.

You will be notified in advance about how to remotely connect to both the Subcommittee and full State Board meeting.

The addendum is a new document now required because of the independent school rule changes that went into effect on May 10, 2022.

Looking forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Take care

Pat

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