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## Memorandum

To: «School\_Name\_USE»

From: Darrell LaRoche   
Director, Office of Facilities, Property, and Safety Management

Subject: Notice of Non-selection

Thank you for submitting a school construction application on behalf of your school. We appreciate the effort and care that went into your application. The National Review Committee (NRC) gave your application thorough and serious consideration. The NRC ranked applications based on their total point score, in accordance with the formula defined by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Facilities and Construction Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee), as published in the Committee's December 2011 report.

Many of our schools are facing challenging facility issues. Your application makes a compelling case for the conditions that your school and students face. Nonetheless, the Committee's formula and process stipulates that only the 10 schools with the highest scores may go forward in the application process. Unfortunately, at this point in the process, out of the 53 applications that the NRC received and scored, your school's application did not rank within the top ten. The chart at Attachment 1 shows your school's scores on each of the Committee's criteria.

The final pool of five schools, once reviewed and approved by the Acting Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs, will remain fixed until the completion of construction of all five schools. Once the Department of the Interior (Department) receives sufficient funding to complete construction, the Department will reinitiate the application process to ensure there are no gaps in activity. Until that time, schools not invited to the public meeting will remain eligible to receive funding for maintenance and repair and facility replacement.

Schools will be notified if they are eligible to re-apply for replacement when the process to develop the next replacement cycle begins. Going forward, the Department encourages all schools to maintain up-to-date, complete, and accurate data in the Indian Affairs – Facility Management System (IA-FMS). This will ensure schools are well-prepared for the next replacement cycle and for accurate repair and maintenance determinations and funding.

If you have questions about your school's score or need additional information, please contact Emerson Eskeets, DFMC, ([emerson.eskeets@bia.gov](mailto:emerson.eskeets@bia.gov)), telephone number: (505) 563-5140. You

can learn more about the process the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee established [here](http://www.cbuilding.org/sites/default/files/NRC_BIA_Schools_Const_Rpt_0.pdf) ([http://www.cbuilding.org/sites/default/files/NRC\\_BIA\\_Schools\\_Const\\_Rpt\\_0.pdf](http://www.cbuilding.org/sites/default/files/NRC_BIA_Schools_Const_Rpt_0.pdf)), and you may find the Frequently Asked Questions here (<http://www.BIE.edu>) to be also helpful.

We appreciate your commitment to improving BIE schools for students. The Department understands the urgency in improving all of our school facilities. We are moving forward as expeditiously as resources will allow.

Attachment:

1. Individual School Score

### Results of the National Review Committee Application Review

Below are the results of your schools scoring based on the published New School Replacement and Renovation Criteria.<sup>1</sup> The National Review Committee carefully reviewed each eligible application package received to determine the scores for each of the graded criteria.

Summary of Score for:		
Description of Graded Criteria	Maximum Points	School's Points
Condition of Facilities and Educational Space Deficiencies	65	
Crowding	5	
Declining or Constrained Enrollment Associated with Poor Facilities	5	
Inappropriate Educational Space	5	
Accreditation Risk	5	
School Age	10	
Cultural Space Needs	5	
Total <sup>2</sup>	100	

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<sup>1</sup> The new school replacement and renovation formula and criteria is published along with the application and review process in chapter 3 of the NCLB report, *“Broken Promises, Broken Schools: Report of the No Child Left Behind School Facilities and Construction Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, December 2011.”* The formula and description of criteria can be found on pages 38-41.

<sup>2</sup> Total sum may not be exact due to round-off error.