

From the Desk of Superintendent Paul Kaiser

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Enhancing Construction Options for Michigan's K-12 Educational Community

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of support for the Design Build process from my experience as a superintendent in the state of Indiana. I had five years of working with the traditional bid spec process as an assistant superintendent. I found this process to be challenging because we did not have control over the selection of the specific contractors on our projects and our projects were more expensive.

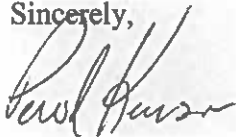
During my tenure at Beech Grove City Schools, we have utilized the Design Build process on two different occasions and are planning a 25 million dollar project in the Summer of 2019. We find that the Design Build process provides for lower overall project cost and there are no change orders utilizing this method! There are guaranteed performances and better delivery on the completion timeline of the projects. We had more efficient design time and had tremendous quality and outcomes on these projects.

Beech Grove City Schools was able to enhance the optimal learning environments in all five buildings which was efficient for everyone involved in our projects. A key component is that we have one point of contact during the entire project. There is no finger pointing taking place because the Performance Contractor that is selected is the single point of communication and accountability for the school district.

As an administrator and education for 38 years, I find the Design Build process to be successful and also saves the local taxpayer dollars that can be utilized in other areas of the school community.

Please feel free to contact me at (317) 445-6506 if I can provide further information to support this initiative for the state of Michigan.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent

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