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Mr. Chris Lilley
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Regarding: Woodland High School – Phase 1 and Phase 2 Geo-Grid Conflict

Dear Chris,

I am pleased the team has found a solution to the geo-grid fabric/footing conflict and the implementation appears to be going well in the field. I agree that raising the footings is the least impactful solution.

I am not so pleased with the overall cost of this solution (or any other solution for that matter). Although the costs will not be quite as high as initially thought, they will still be significant. And the schedule impact is likely to be as expensive as the actual construction cost impacts.

I cannot as a steward of public funds find any justification for spending public funds in the correction of this error. It is clear to me that this problem arose from errors and omissions in the design process and as such I consider McGranahan Architects and their consultants to be responsible for all costs associated with this problem, including additional design efforts and additional costs from Skanska for construction changes, schedule impact, additional engineering, administrative time as well as the lost value that could have come had the Phase 2 design been coordinated with the Phase 1 conditions including competitive bidding for credits for reductions in block, concrete, steel, etc. There is also the matter of the loss in quality from the raising of the footings and reducing the slope of the main waste lines that is difficult to place a monetary value on.

I would welcome hearing your thoughts on accountability and responsibility for the costs of this problem.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Warm Regards,

Michael Green, Superintendent
Woodland Public Schools