



October 17, 2024

Dr. Jon Bartelt  
Bloomington School District 13  
164 Euclid Avenue  
Bloomington, IL 60108

Dear Dr. Bartelt,

Subject: *Freeport / Dujardin Elementary School Sidewalk Project*

As discussed at the meeting on August 28, 2024 with the Village of Bloomington, Christopher Burke Engineering (CBBE), Bloomington School District 13, DLA Architects, and WT Engineering, the Village has obtained federal funding to construct a new sidewalk ramp connecting the pathway on the South side of Dujardin Elementary School and the neighborhood to the South. The new sidewalk ramp would replace the existing concrete stairs allowing for an accessible pathway from the neighborhood to Dujardin Elementary School.

The Village is requesting that the school district be a "Non-Participating Co-Sponsor" of this project as another agency; this means the school district would need to sign a Preliminary Engineering documentation for approval by IDOT. There is no funding commitment from the School District. The Village has agreed to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Bloomington School District 13 to accept the liability and the maintenance for the newly constructed sidewalk ramp and easement surrounding it.

The Village's engineer, CBBE, shared a preliminary design for the project. The design was reviewed by DLA Architects, and our civil engineer, WT Engineering. It does not appear that the preliminary design and the Village's approach to constructing the new sidewalk ramp will have any adverse effects on District's property and would only have the added benefit of a new accessible sidewalk ramp.

DLA's recommendation to the Board of Education is that it approves the project and signs the Preliminary Engineering Document as a "Non-Participating Co-Sponsor with the Village of Bloomingdale.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "K".

Ryan Kelley, AIA  
Project Architect

C:  
Edward Wright, DLA Architects Ltd.