Westtown Township Zoning Hearing Board Application	PO Box 79 Westtown, PA 19395	O TOTAZ
Township Us           Date Received:         6/11/2020           Project No.:         2020-03           Parcel No.:         67-5-13           Zoning Dist.         R-1 (Public School)	Date Accepted: <u>6/15/2020</u> Fee/Date Paid: <u>\$850.00</u> Acreage of Property: <u>11 acres</u>	P: 610.692.1930 F: 610.692.9651 www.westtownpa.org
Applicant & Owner Information	a.	-
Property Owner_West Chester Area School Dis		
Mailing Address <u>782 Springdale Drive</u> E-mail <u>wbirster@wcasd.net</u>	City <u>Exton</u> , PA	∠ιp <u>19341</u>
Applicant <u>West Chester Area School District</u> c/o Wayne Birster	Phone_(484) 266-1265	

Mailing Address <u>1181 McDermott Drive</u> City <u>West Chester</u> , PA Zip <u>193</u>	19380
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E-mail wbirster@wcasd.net

Legal counsel: Ross A. Unruh, Esq. and Ryan M. Jennings, Esq. Phone: (610) 692-1371 Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, P.O. Box 515, West Chester, PA 19381-0515

### **Request**

<u>Section 2104</u> :	Appeals from the Zoning Officer	
<u>Section 2105</u> :	Challenge to the validity of the Zoning Ordinance or Map	
<u>Section 2106</u> :	Challenge to the Flexible Development Procedure	
Section 2107:	Variances	
Section 2108:	Special Exceptions	X (Pursuant to Westtown Township Zoning Ordinance Section 170-601.B.(3))

Please provide below or attach a narrative of your request to enable the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor to prepare a correct and true advertisement. As part of the narrative, please describe:

\* The property under consideration (size of lot, dimensions, etc.) and its physical location (e.g. nearby intersections, landmarks, etc.).

\* The present use of the property (residential, retail, office, etc.), and all existing improve ments located on it (house, garage, and shed; office and parking lot; etc.).

\* The proposed improvements, additions and/or change of use. For physical changes to the lot or structures, indicate the size of all proposed improvements, materials to be used and general construction to be carried out. Attach a plan or sketch for illustration.

\* State the variance, special exception, or other relief requested and cite the appropriate sect ion(s) of the <u>Zoning Ordinance</u>.

\* Provide the reasons why the relief you requested is needed and why the relief should be g ranted (Please see <u>§2104-2108 of the Zoning Ordinance</u>, as amended, where applicable).

Please see Addendum attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Applicant shall deposit with the Township a fee deemed sufficient to pay the Hearing expenses. These costs may include compensation for the secretary and members of the Zoning Hearing Baord, notice and advertising costs, and necessary administrative overhead connected with the Hearing. Funds deposited in excess of the actual cost of the requested hearing shall be returned to the applicant upon completion of the proceedings.			
In the event that the costs of the hearing exceed the funds deposited, the Applicant shall pay to the Township funds equal to such excess costs within thirty (30) days of the Township's request. Failure to deposit the additional funds shall be just reasons for terminating the proceedings.			
It is my understanding that the Zoning Officer and Zoning Hearing Board may request additional in- formation and documentation to prepare for said hearing.			
CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information presented in this application and all attach- ments is true and correct.			
Signature of APPLICANT Date ////20			
Print Name Ross A. Unruh, Esquire and Ryan M. Jennings, Esquire			
Signature of OWNER (If different from applicant) Wayne Birster, Authorized Representative of Owner, West Chester Area School District			
Signature of ZONING OFFICER_ <u>William</u> Chridge Add Date <u>6/24/2020</u>			
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Mailed/faxed to Zoning Solicitor on: <u>6/24/2020</u>			
Hearing scheduled on: <u>7/23/2020</u> Advertised on: <u>7/6/20 &amp; 7/13/20</u>			
FEE SCHEDULE			
Variance, Special Exception — \$850 🗸 Appeal from the Zoning Officer, Challenge to the Flex Development Procedure — \$850 Challenge to the Zoning Ordinance/Map — \$2,500			

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANT

#### **UNRUH TURNER BURKE & FREES**

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By: Ryan M. Jennings, Esquire Attorney I.D. No.: 309145
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West Chester, PA 19380
(610) 692-1371

BEFORE THE
ZONING HEARING BOARD
OF WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP

### West Chester Area School District : 750 Westbourne Road : West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382 :

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IN RE: WESTTOWN-THORNBURY

### ADDENDUM TO ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

1. The West Chester Area School District (the "School District" or "Applicant"), by and through its authorized representative Wayne Birster and its Solicitors Ross A. Unruh, Esquire, Ryan M. Jennings, Esquire, and Unruh Turner Burke & Frees, hereby submits this Addendum to the Zoning Hearing Board Application (the "Application"), filed with the Westtown Township Zoning Hearing Board, Chester County, Pennsylvania (the "Board").

2. The School District is the owner of real property, comprised of approximately 11 acres, located at 750 Westbourne Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382 (the "Subject Property"), situated at the intersection of Westbourne Rd. & Barnview Ln., and northeast of the intersection of South Concord Road & Street Road (Route 926).

3. The Subject Property is more particularly identified as Chester County Tax Parcel No.: 67-5-13 (or 67-5-13-E on the County's ChescoPIN Parcel Details database). 4. The Deed for the Subject Property is attached hereto and incorporated herein, marked as Exhibit "A".

5. Pursuant to the Westtown Township Zoning Ordinance of 1991, as amended (the "Ordinance") and the Westtown Township Zoning Map (created March 13, 2017) ("Zoning Map"), the Subject Property is located in the Township's R-1 (Residential) Zoning District.

6. The Property is presently used for and features a primary school, known and referred to as the Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School ("Elementary School"), which serves as an educational institution licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.<sup>1</sup>

7. Copies of the Chester County Parcel Details and GIS Map for the Subject Property are attached hereto and incorporated herein, marked as <u>Exhibit "B"</u>.

8. The Elementary School opened at its present location approximately 65 years ago (in 1955, following construction in 1954), with original enrollment totaling 183 students, with a faculty comprised of seven (7) teachers.

9. Six (6) classrooms were added in 1956, followed thereafter by five (5) additional classrooms and an art room in 1962, all of which pre-dated Township zoning.

10. Given the growing population, the Elementary School has again outgrown its space, requiring and proposing to add a 7,610-square foot building addition to the existing Elementary School, as well as an expansion of the parking area, to include twenty-seven (27) additional spaces (the "Addition").

11. The Addition will be utilized for the Elementary School's educational use,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Following their attendance at the Elementary School, students thereafter attend Stetson Middle School, followed by Bayard Rustin High School.

comprised of requisite classrooms (six (6) in total), corridors/hallways, utility, storage, and janitorial closets, and boys' and girls' restrooms.

12. A draft Architectural Plan depicting the Addition area and proposed configuration, produced by KCBA Architects, dated April 23, 2020, is attached hereto and incorporated herein, marked as Exhibit "C".

13. The Elementary School, as it exists today, complies with all required area and bulk regulations, as well as design standards associated with the R-1 Zoning District (see Ordinance Sections 170-602. and 170-603.)

14. The Elementary School's Addition will also comply with all required area and bulk regulations, as well as design standards associated with the R-1 Zoning District.

15. For example, the maximum building coverage permitted is 20%, the existing building coverage is 12.12%, and the post-Addition building coverage will be just 13.23%.

16. Additionally, the maximum impervious coverage permitted is 40%, the existing impervious coverage is 27.67%, and the post-Addition impervious coverage will be just 30.86%.

17. A copy of the Applicant's "Special Exception Plan", produced by DL Howell, dated June 8, 2020, which depicts the proposed Addition, is attached hereto and incorporated herein, marked as Exhibit "D".

18. The Applicant is not proposing a new use, but merely an addition to an existing, permissible educational use at the Subject Property.

19. The educational use of and at the Subject Property predated the Township's Ordinance. Nevertheless, it is the Township's position that because the School District now seeks to expand its existing and permissible educational-based use (albeit in compliance with all area and bulk regulations, as well as design standards), the School

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District now requires a special exception.

20. In Pennsylvania, a special exception is a type of use and zoning relief which the Township Board of Supervisors has determined is proper for a property's specified use. An application for special exception must be granted where an applicant demonstrates compliance with the specific requirements set forth in the Ordinance, unless an objector proves that the use (or in this case, the Addition), would be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare.

21. Pursuant to Township Ordinance Section 170-601.B.(3), the Township Board of Supervisors has legislatively determined that a primary or secondary school (along with religious uses, colleges, and universities) are permitted in the R-1 Zoning District, subject to compliance with Ordinance Section 170-702.E.

22. The Elementary School (a pre-existing, conforming use), along with the proposed Addition, will comply with all standards and requirements established by the Ordinance for nonresidential uses permitted by special exception, as set forth in Ordinance Section 170-702.E.(1)-(10).

23. The Elementary School, along with the proposed Addition, will comply with all standards and requirements established by the Ordinance for special exception relief, as set forth in Ordinance Section 170-2108.

24. At the zoning hearing before the Board, Applicant intends to sufficiently demonstrate compliance with all criteria necessary for the grant of the requested special exception, where applicable, as set forth in Ordinance Sections 170-601.B.(3), 170-702.E. and 170-2108.

25. Applicants also hereby apply for such other interpretations, waivers, variances, zoning relief, and/or approvals as may ultimately be required.

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WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Board schedule and hold a hearing with respect to the Application, this Addendum, and the attachments thereto, in conformity with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10101 *et seq.* and the Ordinance, whereby a special exception is sought from Township Ordinance Section 170-601.B.(3), related to a permissible, existing school use at the Subject Property.

Respectfully submitted,

### **UNRUH TURNER BURKE & FREES**

Date: 6/11/20

By:

Ross A. Unruh, Esquire Ryan M. Jennings, Esquire

Attorneys for Applicant West Chester Area School District

# Exhibit "A"

THIS INDENTURE, made the  $\underline{\partial} \underline{\mathcal{I}}^{th}_{th}$  day of  $\underline{\mathcal{I}}^{th}_{th}_{th}$ , in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one (1991) BETWEEN the WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY, now being a part of the West Chester Area Joint School Authority, a Municipal Authority organized and existing under the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended (hereinafter called the "Grantor"), of the one part and the WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, a public school district organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter called the "Grantee"), of the other part.

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WITNESSETH, that the said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States of America, unto it well and truly paid by the said Grantee, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acrowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, has grunted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by thet: presents does grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns,

ALL THAT C'ATAIN tract of land situate in the Township of Westtown, County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, which according to a survey made by J. Vernon Keech, Registered Surveyor, is bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGIN TING at an iron pin in the middle of a public road leading from Concord Road to Street Road, a corner of land belonging to Marshall L. Jones; thence extending along the middle

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of said Road North eighty-nine degrees, forty-two minutes East, eight hundred thirty-six and three tenths (836.3) feet to an iron pin in the eastern line of said public road; thence extending along the eastern line of same South twenty-one degrees and forty-seven minutes Bast, four hundred and seventy-one (471.0) feet to an iron pin, a corner of land conveyed to the Brandywine Growing Company; thence extending by said land crossing the road and passing over an iron pin set on the west side thereof South sixty-two degrees and thirty-eight minutes West, seven hundred one and five hundredths (701.05) feet to an iron pin in line of land belonging to Karshall L. Jones aforesaid; thence extending by said Jones's land the next two courses and distances, to wit: North thirty-two degrees and thirty minutes West, seven hundred ninety-four and seven tenths (794.7) feet to a stone, and North twenty-four degrees and twentytwo minutes East, minety-three and thirty-three hundredths (93.33) feet to the first mentioned iron pin and place of Beginning.

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CONTAINING eleven and seven hundred fifty-four thousandths (11.754) acres of land, be the same more or less.

BEING, the same premises which MALCOLM FOX and PATRICIA FOX, his wife, by Deed dated June 22, 1954, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Chester County, Pennsylvania, at Deed Book G-26, page 194, &c, granted and conveyed to the said WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY, its successors and assigns, in fee.

AND, the said WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY merged with and into the said West Chester Area Joint School

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Authority pursuant to a certificate of merger approved as of July 16, 1971 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, whereupon the said West Chester Area Joint School Authority succeeded to all rights, properties and privileges, subject to all obligations and liabilities, of the said WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY, as provided in the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended.

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TOSETHER, with all and singular the buildings and improvements, ways, streets, alleys, driveways, passages, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatscover unto the hereby granted premises belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, ronts, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatscever of it, the said Grantor, as well at law as in equity, of, in and to the same.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said lot or piece of ground above described with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned or intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantes, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, forever. UNDER AND SUBJECT, nevertheless, to certain conditions and restrictions now of record.

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AND, the said Grantor, for itself, and its successors and assigns, does covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, by these presents, that it, the said Grantor, and its successors and assigns, all in singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, against them, the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, and against all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by, from or under it, them or any of them, shall and will, subject as aforesaid, WARRANT and forever DEFEND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has hereunto executed this Deed as of the day and year first above written.

Signed and Delivered in the presence of us:

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WEST CHESTER AREA JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY, SUCCESSOR

WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT

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The address of the above-named Grantee is: 829 Paoli Pike, West Chester, Pennsylvania, 19380.

Return to: William J. Burke, III, Esquire Unruh, Turner & Burke, P.C. Walnut Building 101 East Evans Street P.O. Box 515 West Chester, PA 19381-0515

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on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of JURE, , 1991, before me the undersigned, a notary public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing in the County of Chester, personally appeared George C. Zura box who acknowledged hinself to be the Choren of WESTTOWN-THORNBURY JOINT SCHOOL AUTHORITY, now being a part of the West Chester Area Joint School Authority, a Municipal Authority, and that he as such officer, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of said Authority by himself as such Chairman

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official

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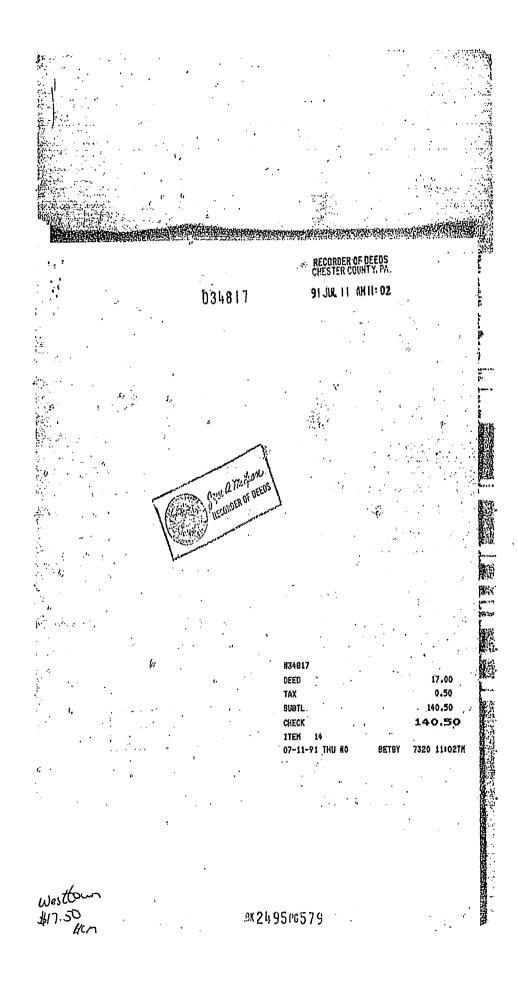
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Owner Information

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Property Descr:	11 AC SCHOOL	Plan #:	
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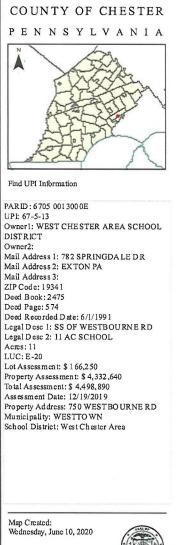
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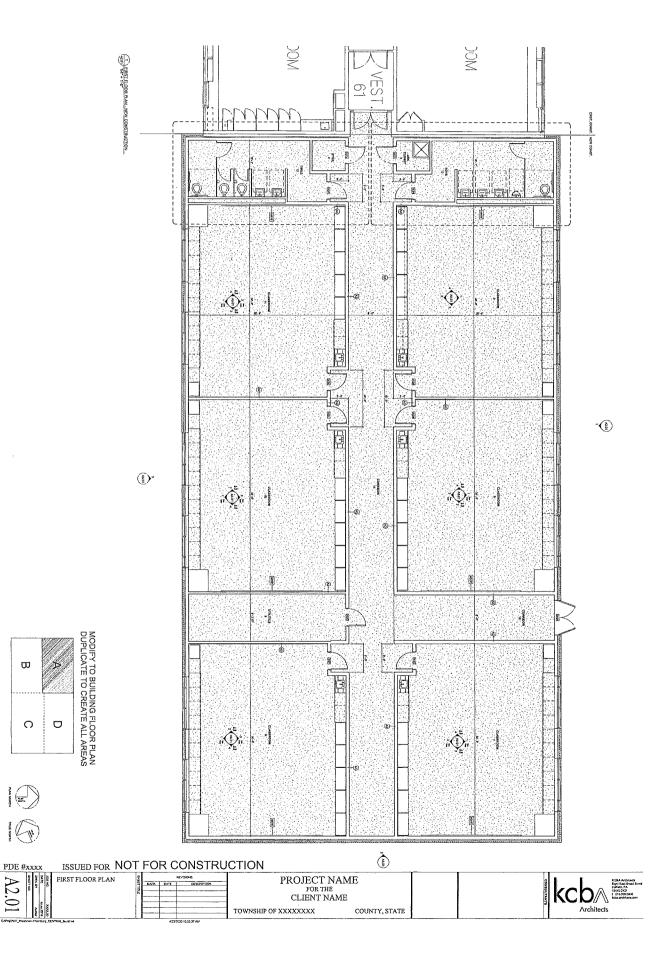
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