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Subject: Division of the State Architect (DSA) Review of the Reports Titled,
"Portola Middle School, Hardship Related to Pre-existing Soil Conditions", by
Arthur Tam & Associates dated March 1, 2006 and April 27, 2006
"Engineering Geology Review, Potential Earthquake-induced Landslide
Hazard", by California Geological Survey, April 3, 2006
"Landslide Retention Study," by Kam Yan & Associates dated September 20,
2005 and February 7, 2006
"Geological Engineering Investigation and Consultation, Potential
Earthquake-Induced Landslide Hazard," by Alan Kropp & Associates, Inc.
dated January 30, 2006
Portola Middle School, DSA Application No. 01-106671, File No. 7-39

Dear Mr. Hibser:

DSA has reviewed the reports indicated above. In the report Alan Kropp & Associates notes potential landslide hazard at Portola Middle School. CGS concurs with them. Based on the review of the statements made in the reports regarding the potential landslide hazard, it is the opinion of DSA that there is a significant risk of earthquake induced landslide. This potential for landslide is such that the health and safety of the pupils is at risk and must be corrected.

Should you have any questions please call me at 510-622-3109.

Sincerely,

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