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APPROVED**EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR
DWIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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Energy Conservation**PROJECT RATIONALE**

The window systems at Dwight Elementary School are original to the construction of the building (1962). The windows are inefficient single pane type. The age of all units makes it increasingly difficult to obtain replacement parts for damaged hinges, latches, etc. Inoperable and difficult to operate windows impede their use for natural ventilation. Operable windows are the primary source of fresh air ventilation at Dwight Elementary School. Installation of new energy efficient replacement windows will bring savings to the town by enhancing the building envelope performance while also enhancing the building's appearance and ensuring natural ventilation is available.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

The long-range plan for the school facilities for the Fairfield Public Schools calls for provision of a safe and appropriate learning environment. In accordance with this aspect of the plan, Fairfield will undertake a window replacement project at Dwight Elementary School.

The Fairfield Public Schools plans to continue to utilize Dwight Elementary School in its current capacity, and with appropriate maintenance, as an elementary school for the next twenty years.

THE PROJECT

The Fairfield Public Schools proposes a window replacement project at Dwight Elementary School to address the deficiencies with the windows at the facility.

Current space: Dwight Elementary School includes the following instructional and support spaces: general classrooms and kindergartens, library/media center, computer lab, gymnasium, music room, art room, special education classrooms, special education resource room, cafeteria, nurses office, kitchen, conference room, school administration's offices, custodial services, storage, and boiler room.

Construction: All original windows throughout the building (installed in 1962) will be replaced with a new window system meeting current standards for maximum energy efficiency. The new replacement windows will include glass tinting for increased occupant comfort and new window hardware which will enhance security at the facility.

Final space: See *Current space* above.

FF&E: New window treatments.

BUILDING SYSTEMS

Security: Not applicable.

Public Address: Not applicable.

Technology: Not applicable.

Phone System: Not applicable.

Clocks: Not applicable.

INTERIOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT

Acoustics: Ceilings: Not applicable.

Walls: Not applicable.

Lighting: Not applicable.

HVAC: Not applicable.

Plumbing: Not applicable.

Windows/Doors: All windows throughout the building (installed in 1962) will be replaced with a new window system meeting current standards for energy efficiency. Windows will also be of a hopper type that can be opened at the bottom to allow for natural ventilation and will include glass tinting for increased occupant comfort.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Site Acquisition:	Not applicable.
Parking:	Not applicable.
Drives:	Not applicable.
Walkways:	Not applicable.
Outdoor Athletic Facilities:	Not applicable.
Landscaping:	Not applicable.
Site Improvements:	Not applicable.

CONSTRUCTION BONUS REQUESTS

Dwight Elementary School, at present, hosts Open Choice students. Given participation in the program the district will pursue a construction grant bonus in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-285a(g).

COMMUNITY USES

Dwight Elementary School does not contain or host space(s) for other town departments or outside firms. The building is used exclusively as an elementary school. The building facilities are available to the public on a reservation basis when the building is not in use (nights and weekends). Some of these uses include among others:

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings and events.
- Cub Scouts.
- Girl Scouts.
- Various school clubs.
- Civic group meetings.

Dwight Elementary School is used as a polling place.

