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City of San Marcos
City Council
630 E. Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Re: **Over 8' Fill Variance request**
San Marcos Elementary School #7 (at Trace Subdivision)
Esplanade & William Moon Way, San Marcos, Texas 78666

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

On behalf of our client, San Marcos CISD, we are requesting a variance to allow fill exceeding 8'. The accompany exhibit shows boundary of the area with fill over 8' which is mainly along the main drop-off loop and sidewalk in the front of the school. The maximum fill is 10' at the area immediately in front of the door.

The reason for this level of fill is because there is over 30' of grade drop across the site. The building is already designed with split level to minimize the effect of the grade drop. We could not lower the building due to accessibility constraints around the site and to the adjacent streets. To provide safe and accessible access for the entire length of main entrance and cafeteria, the drop-off loop and sidewalk need to be at the same elevation. In other words, a retaining wall along the front of the building to reduce the fill would adversely impact the experience of the students, parents and school staff.

We appreciate your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,



Nhat M. Ho, PE
Date: 04/26/18