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December 21, 2006

Ms. Jan Broughton
Superintendent
Portsmouth City Schools
923 Findlay Street
Portsmouth, OH 45662

Re: Structural Investigation
Spartan Stadium

Dear Ms. Broughton:

On December 19, 2006, I visited the Spartan Stadium complex to perform a structural investigation of the existing facilities. While my full report is scheduled to be finalized by January 5, 2007, this letter will serve to provide my preliminary assessment of the structures.

The facilities are approximately 70 years old, and are cast-in-place concrete structures. There has been a great deal of water leakage into the main stadium over the years, causing areas of significant damage to the concrete. Additionally, a previous fire caused significant damage at the central entry area. This area of damage was previously repaired, and the entire stadium was newly caulked to prevent entry of water into the structure. Despite the fact that these repairs were done only 6-7 years ago, water continues to infiltrate the structure on a steady basis. It is my professional opinion that the magnitude and quantity of repairs that would be required to update the facilities is cost-prohibitive. These required repairs will be discussed in detail in the final report.

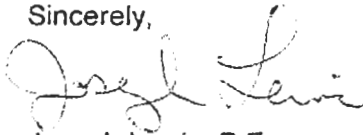
The visitors bleachers have suffered significant distress, as evidenced by the enormous cracking in the structure. These bleachers are unsafe, and should no longer be used. They are beyond repair, and my recommendation is for immediate demolition.

Finally, it is likely that there are PCBs present in the existing electrical equipment. PCBs are included in the Federal Governments "Toxic Substances Control Act". I recommend an environmental inspection agency be obtained to further investigate the severity of the problem. The EPA maintains a listing of the laws and regulations applicable to PCBs and their cleanup.

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As previously indicated, a full report will be issued on January 5, 2007 that will provide additional information and recommendations. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Joseph Lewis, P.E.
President

