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Thanks, Wally, that is excellent information. The fact that the OPSC fee schedule was not meant to cover construction administration services not only renders all of the VLS analyses totally erroneous and irrelevant; it also supports a case that the Bond Program fees may have actually been lower rather than greater than they should have been.

Overall, my impression is that the audit and the auditors may have done a good job in identifying shortcomings and recommending improvements in various internal controls, but I don't think they have any critical understanding of the school design and construction process. Instead, they just winged it, as with the OPSC fee schedule, and the conclusions they reached were not only meaningless, but they defamed the architects who were the target of the criticisms and the WCCUSD staff who negotiated fees.

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Tom:

Thank you for a well written explanation regarding the dangers of generalizing A/E fees and services.

I'll add the attached 2004 exchange of letters regarding A/E fees between the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and Marcus Hibser. The OPSC response makes it very clear that the (defunct) State fee curve was never intended to include construction administration services. I would strongly urge someone to investigate how A/E professionals have been tasked for decades to include construction administration services (the most difficult portion of services as you've aptly described) *without* expansion of the assumed underlying comparative fee curve for compensation. From the 1980's historical proportioning of A/E fees through construction admin, that would be a *25% increase* to the assumed comparative fee curve compensation. In the current trend of fee proportioning, that would be an approximate *33% increase* to the assumed comparative fee curve compensation.

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