

*Exhibit A.**May 19, 1904*

Nutley, N.J., May 19, 1904.

To the Board of Education,

Nutley, N.J.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds, pursuant to instructions given by resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Board on March 29, 1904, invited three architects to submit plans and specifications for repairing Park Hall.

The architects in competition were William A. Lambert of Nutley, Charles G. Jones of Belleville, and H. King Conklin of Nutley and Newark.

Several meetings of your committee have been held, and after considerable discussion and thorough consideration of all plans submitted, we have decided to recommend for your consideration the plans submitted by Mr. Conklin, which plans and specifications are herewith laid before you.

Our reasons for this decision are, in the first place, because of the thorough and workmanlike manner in which the plans were drawn, and the specifications written; and secondly, because of the contemplated economy in the general construction (especially in the roof) whereby we shall be able to make a saving of several hundred dollars, thus bringing the entire cost of building within a very reasonable sum.

Your committee further recommends that Twenty Five Dollars be given to each of the unsuccessful competing architects.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Buildings and Grounds.