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July 18, 2018

W. Craig Wallace
Stiles, Wallace & Associates
1615 Avenue M
Lubbock, TX 79401

Re: Recorded Texas Historic Landmark project review, Demolition of Wink Junior High and High School, Wink, Winkler County (RTHL)

Dear Mr. Wallace:

Thank you for providing written notification to our agency regarding the proposed demolition of the Wink Junior High and High School in Wink which we received on July 3, 2018. This letter represents the comments of the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

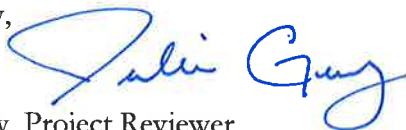
The review staff, led by Julie Guy, has completed its review of the project documentation provided and has the following comments. The 1929 school was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) in 2012. Authorized by the Texas Legislature under Texas Government Code, Chapter 442, the RTHL designation is awarded to historic structures deemed worthy of preservation for their architectural integrity and historical associations. Properties so designated are afforded a measure of legal protection and become part of the recorded history of the state's built environment.

It is our understanding that you intend to demolish this building. Demolition of a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark is extremely discouraged. The Wink Junior High and High School exhibits historical and architectural significance. Its Mission Revival style, as well as its shaped parapet make it a noteworthy example of the Butler Company's public buildings. We encourage you to explore other opportunities in order to save this building. Creative solutions to reuse historic buildings often benefit the community in ways that new construction cannot.

The RTHL legislation gives the THC 60 days to review the proposed work, but we are imposing an additional 30 day waiting period to enhance the chance for preservation, as permissible by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 442, Section 442.006 (f). **Therefore, no work relating to the demolition shall begin before October 1, 2018.** The historical marker is the property of the State of Texas and shall be returned to Mr. Bill Waddell, Chair of the Wink County Historical Commission.

Thank you for your interest in the cultural heritage of Texas, and for the opportunity to comment on this project in accordance with the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark legislation. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Julie Guy at 512/463-6083.

Sincerely,



Julie Guy, Project Reviewer
for: Mark Wolfe, Executive Director

cc: Bill Waddell, Chair, Wink County Historical Commission
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