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From: Paul D. Schomer, Standards Director

Re: Decision of the ANSI Board of Standards Review

I am very pleased to notify you that the ANSI Board of Standards Review (BSR) issued its decision in the appeal filed by the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI) against the S12 Standard, ANSI S12.60-2002 American National Standard Acoustical Performance Criteria, Design Requirements, and Guidelines for Schools. The BSR upheld the Standard and the development and approval process that was followed by S12 in adopting it. A copy of the BSR decision is attached for your review.

This is the second time the BSR has acted to uphold this Standard. As you may remember, last fall two trade associations representing manufacturers of modular buildings and a small group of school business organizations requested that ANSI withdraw the Standard claiming that it was "not in the public interest." The ANSI BSR also rejected those claims.

While all these parties still have an additional opportunity to appeal the decisions of the BSR to ANSI, appeals at this level are very rare and must show why the decision of the BSR is clearly wrong. We will, however, continue with every effort to support this Standard, confident in the knowledge that it is technically correct, economically reasonable, feasible to implement, and most of all it is important and beneficial for the children of the US.

On behalf of S12, I want to express thanks to those of you who supported the Standard by your many hours of volunteer work to develop it and promote its implementation. Your letters of support were gratifying and helpful in the successful outcome of this process.