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Re: Vertical accessibility waiver for Tiniciti III Preschool at 3119 SW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL

As a licensed architect practicing for over 30 years, I concur that the least costly wheelchair lift will be a substantial increase from the applicant's budget. No other vertical accessibility solution is possible in this case as there are severe space constraints around the building for a 2-story ramp, just as costly as a wheelchair lift. The applicant has allocated sufficient space on the 1st floor of the preschool to accommodate children of all age groups, teachers and visitors, leaving the 2nd floor to only those who do not need vertical accessibility, thereby fully complying with the intent of the ADA Standards For Accessible Design.

Jose Merlo
Architect for the project

