



# ELK MOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Ms. Natalie Rew, Auditor  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
P.O. Box 7841  
125 South Webster Street  
Madison, WI 53707-7841

RE: Qualified School Construction Bond "QSCB" Allocation

Dear Ms. Rew:

This letter is to apply for a \$9,325,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The Elk Mound Area School District appreciates the federal legislation and the support of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in making this interest free (or low interest) bond program available. The District seeks any part of the \$9,325,000 request that is available to our District.

- The District proposes to finance the following eligible projects listed by building and amount:
  - **New Construction:**
    - Mound View Elementary School
    - Amount \$2,997,000
  - **Repair and/or Rehabilitation:**
    - Mound View Elementary School
    - Amount \$32,400
  - **New Construction:**
    - Elk Mound Middle School
    - Amount \$1,396,000
  - **Repair and/or Rehabilitation:**
    - Elk Mound Middle School
    - Amount \$402,200
  - **New Construction:**
    - Elk Mound High School
    - Amount \$3,793,000
  - **Repair and/or Rehabilitation:**
    - Elk Mound High School
    - Amount \$704,400

- The District's project plan will meet the following objectives:

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Math:** Science classrooms will be added and existing science classrooms remodeled in the high school and middle school.

**Early Childhood, 4-year-old Kindergarten:** New classrooms at the elementary school (Mound View Elementary School) will give back needed space to the Early Childhood and 4-year-old Kindergarten programs.

**Green and Healthy Schools:** The repair and rehabilitation projects will improve energy efficiency in all three buildings. New efficient lighting will replace inefficient lighting at Mound View. The middle and high schools will be getting upgraded HVAC systems that are much more energy efficient.

**Safe and Healthful Schools:** The office locations at Mound View and the High School are being relocated for safety reasons. The monitoring of people coming and going will be greatly improved. Newer style door locking systems are being designed to create a much more secure facility at all three buildings.

- The District has (or is seeking) the Borrowing Authority via:
  - Approved Referendum on April 7, 2009 approved the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Elk Mound Area School District, Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Chapter 67, Wisconsin Statutes, General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,325,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to school district buildings and grounds including additions, remodeling, infrastructure upgrades and equipment acquisition.
- Estimated Construction start date: November, 2009
- The District is confident that these projects will adhere to the "Prevailing Wage" requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. Every step will be taken with our construction manager or general contractor and project staff to ensure all reporting requirements are met.

The District's project is "shovel ready" and will fulfill the intended goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act "ARRA" Stimulus Bill by creating or maintaining jobs on and near the construction worksite. We also feel that our project meets the longer-term goal of "reinvesting" in our local community by improving the public infrastructure that serves our citizens in an energy-efficient and sustainable manner.

Discussions of program details are currently underway at committee and school board level and we are working closely with our financial advisor and bond counsel. We believe we have met the requirements for participation in the Qualified School Construction Bond program and your review of our request for an allocation is appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at 715-879-5066 if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,



Ronald J. Walsh  
Superintendent