



SUN PRAIRIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 1, 2009

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 \$96,000,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The Sun Prairie 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 \$96,000,000 request that is available to our District.

- The District proposes to finance the following eligible projects listed by building and amount:

New Construction:

Building:	<u>High School</u>
Amount:	<u>\$80,000,000</u>

Repair and/or Rehabilitation: Existing High School

Building:	<u>Convert to an Upper Middle School</u>
Amount:	<u>\$16,000,000</u>

Acquisition of equipment to be used in our public school facilities: New High School

Building:	<u>High School</u>
Amount:	<u>Included with \$80,000,000</u>

Land Acquisition: Adjacent to High School (included with \$80,000,000)

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

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: (S.T.E.M.)

The new high school will have fifteen state of the art science classrooms and an agriculture classroom. Each classroom will have the current standard for science classrooms, including lab tables, separate seating for a classroom, chemical storage and a prep area. The agriculture classroom will have a separate small room devoted to animal science. This room is to prepare students for veterinary science.

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\$ 32,000,000
with interest
Prior to 2/9/09
Balance 64,000,000

All 110 + classrooms in the new high school and 80+ classrooms in the renovated 8/9 Upper Middle School will have what the District calls "Classroom 2010". This includes:

- 1) Interactive "Smart Board"
- 2) 4 to 6 Computers
- 3) Voice Amplification System

The new high school will have fifteen rooms devoted to math. Each state of the art room will have an Interactive Smart Board, four computers and a voice amplification system.

Early Childhood, 4-year old Kindergarten:

N/A

Green and Healthy Schools:

A major part of the new high school was planning to use less energy and to have a "green" school. This includes geo-thermal heating and air conditioning. The District drilled 330+ wells 300 feet into the ground to help heat and cool the entire high school. This is expected to save 30+% on utility bills. In addition, the District has installed high efficiency windows, water saving control for plumbing and more than normal wall and roof insulation. The new high school will truly be a "green" high school. In addition, 22% of the new high school site will be set aside for wetlands.

At the Upper Middle School, existing parking lots will be removed and turned back into green space, therefore reducing storm-water run-off. In addition, an entire new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system will replace an old inefficient system. New high-efficiency windows will also be installed.

Safe and Healthful Schools:

At both schools, all visitors will be required to "check-in" at the main office before they can enter the school. In addition, security cameras will be located throughout both schools. Hallways were widened to provide better sightlines for security.

- The District has (or is seeking) the Borrowing Authority via:
 Approved Referendum on November 5, 2007
 Fund 38 Borrowing resolution approved on _____
 Planned Referendum on _____
- Estimated Construction start date: Currently under construction
- 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 manage and project staff to ensure all reporting requirements is met.
- The construction of the new high school has provided over 200 construction jobs.
- The remodeling of the old high school has provided over 50 construction jobs.

The District's project is "shovel ready" and will fulfill the intended goal of the American Recovery and reinvestment Act "AARA" 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.

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 608-834-6501 or Phil Frei, Deputy District Administrator (Business and Operations) at 608-834-6510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Culver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Tim Culver
District Administrator
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