



# Cedar Grove-Belgium Area School District

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Ms. Natalie Rew, Auditor  
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
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RE: Qualified School Construction Bond "QSCB" Allocation

Dear Ms. Rew:

This letter is to apply for a \$20,000,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The School District of Cedar Grove-Belgium 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 \$20,000,000 request that is available to our District.

Cedar Grove-Belgium School District plans to finance the following eligible projects:

**New Construction:** Middle School Building

Amount \$17,000,000 to \$19,000,000

**Repair and/or Rehabilitation:** Current Middle School/Elementary School Building

Amount \$2,000,000

**Acquisition of equipment to be used in our public school facilities:**

Amount \$750,000

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

**Science, Technology, Engineering and Math:**

The Cedar Grove-Belgium Area School District's November referendum will include new Technology Education spaces for both Middle and High School classes. Currently there are no Technology Education classes offered in the Middle School due to space limitations. The High School has a solid CAD program, but small lab space, limits our ability to meet the facility requirements of a modern Technology Education curriculum.

Cedar Grove-Belgium High School is working cooperatively with Carlson Manufacturing in Cedarburg Wisconsin to place students for work experience and also to provide our instructors with tools and equipment. Our District is also partnering with Lakeshore Technical College (LTC) in hopes that a new facility for Technology Education, built in Cedar Grove, might be able to serve high school classes during the day and be available for training/re-training of our adult population in the evening.

The Science rooms at the current Middle School are small, and out dated. The referendum will allow for larger lab and classroom space for grades 6-8.

**Green and Healthy Schools/Safe and Healthful Schools:**

*Home of the Rockets*

Green and Healthy Schools: The district plan will include the following:

- . Water-conserving toilets, urinals, sinks, etc.
- . Efficient energy system performance - meet or exceed ASHRAE standard 90.1-2004
- . No use of CFC-based refrigerants in HVAC system
- . On-site renewable energy - solar, geothermal
- . School recycling program and designated area
- . Materials with recycled content
- . Regional materials - materials extracted and manufactured within 500 miles of project site
- . Rapidly renewable materials - linoleum, etc.
- . Indoor air quality per ASHRAE standard 62.1-2004
- . No smoking in building or on site
- . Low-emitting materials - low or no VOC's in paint, carpet, adhesives, etc.
- . Daylight at least 75% of occupied spaces

Safe and Healthful Schools: Site design includes separate bus and parent drop off areas for children safety; school office will have good views of all vehicles entering site and each person entering building will have to pass through office. The building is easily sectioned off for night activities to minimize the total area that can be accessed at night.

The District is seeking the Borrowing Authority via:  
Planned Referendum on November 3, 2009

Estimated Construction start date April 2010

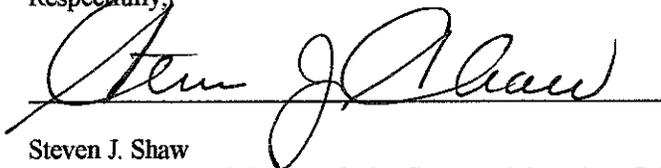
The District is confident that these projects will adhere to the "Prevailing Wage" requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. Every step will be taken with our construction manager and project staff to ensure all reporting requirements is met.

The District's project 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 920-668-8686 if additional clarification is needed.

Respectfully,



Steven J. Shaw  
Superintendent of Schools - Cedar Grove-Belgium Area Schools