



June 15, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Rew:

Re: Qualified School Construction Bond "QSCB" Allocation

The purpose of this letter is to apply for a \$4,600,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The School District of Elmbrook (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 \$4,600,000 request that is available to us.

- ▶ The District proposes to finance the following eligible project:
 - Repair and/or Rehabilitation: The District is planning to replace the entire heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system in the Pilgrim Park Middle School, located at 1500 Pilgrim Parkway in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. The current HVAC system is a steam system that is approximately 50 years old. Engineering plans are complete, with the system scheduled for replacement in the summer of 2010. The replacement cost is \$4,600,000.

- ▶ The District project plan will meet the following objectives:
 - Green and Healthy Schools: The replacement of the system will provide a healthy school environment and will dramatically reduce the school's energy costs with a switch from a steam heating system to an energy-efficient hot water system.

 - Safe and Healthful Schools: The replacement of the system will result in better ventilation for all areas, as the new system will meet current code specifications for air movement and the addition of air-conditioning in the entire building will enhance air quality too.

- ▶ The District has (or will be seeking) the Borrowing Authority via a Fund 38 Borrowing Resolution to be approved upon award of the QSCB allocation:

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- ▶ The District has (or will be seeking) the Borrowing Authority via a Fund 38 Borrowing Resolution to be approved upon award of the QSCB allocation:
 - The estimated start of construction is June 14, 2010.
 - The District is confident that this project 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 that 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 under way at committee and school board levels, and we are working closely with our financial advisor and bond counsel. We believe that we have met the requirements for participation in the Qualified School Construction Bond program, and your review of our request for an allocation will be appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me at 262-781-3030, Ext. 1123 or Robert C. Borch (until June 30, 2009) or Keith Brightman (after July 1, 2009), Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations at 262-781-3030 Ext. 1142 if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Gibson, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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c: Board of Education
R. Borch
K. Brightman