

Germantown School District

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June 10, 2009

Ms. Natalie Rew, Auditor
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
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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 \$3,000,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The **Germantown 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 \$3,000,000 request that is available to our District. District administration took a methodical approach in determining the project list shown in the attachment entitled QSCB – Project List.

Multiple studies, arising out of various citizen and board initiatives, were used in preparation of the list. The following studies were conducted since 2003 and used to determine the priority of needs based on QSCB guidelines:

- 2007 Safety School Building Analyses
- 2007 Aramark Facility Condition Assessment
- 2003 Citizen Facility Report

These reports are available upon request and district officials are willing to provide additional details relative to carbon footprint reduction and energy savings for each specific project listed in the attachment (if available).

Additionally, the district's facility management team has been working with Focus on Energy and other companies to identify energy and green initiatives. The district's Safety Committee has been working with our Risk Insurance Company(s) to identify key risks in our school buildings.

Student safety is among the Board of Education's top priorities. The initiatives identified are almost impossible to fund as a result of over a decade of budget reductions and given the current economic circumstances. The QSCB program would allow multiple student safety and energy management efforts to become reality.

The Board of Education has held several public meetings during May and June, since the QSCB information was released by DPI in May. The board has passed two resolutions, unanimously, as it pertains to the QSCB process. The first resolution was passed after Baird Municipal Consultants made a presentation to the Board's Finance Committee on QSCB. The resolution directed the administration to review all related studies, prepare a recommended list for the Board's Buildings Committee for their review, and eventually submit an application to DPI. The second resolution was passed June 8th and it approved the list at the full board level and confirmed the application to DPI.

Legal counsel is preparing the resolution to exceed the \$1,000,000 borrowing limit and this resolution will be place on the June 22, 2009 school board agenda. District officials will notify the DPI on June 23rd with the results of the vote. It is expected to pass unanimously.

Germantown School District is ready to begin most of these projects immediately inasmuch as each is a high priority. The "Freeon 2" project could probably be deferred to 2010. The district wishes to meet the spirit of 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.

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.

As previously mentioned, district officials will provide any background information such as age of existing lighting, roofing, other building mechanical equipment, etc. that the DPI or federal government requires in order to improve our chances of receiving the allocation.

Please feel free to contact me at 262-253-3904 or Ric Ericksen, Administrator of Business Services at 262-253-3908 if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth L. Rogers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dr. Kenneth Rogers
Superintendent

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GERMANTOWN, WI.

OSCB – PROJECT LIST

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

Green and Healthy Schools: \$2,002,646

- Roofing Work – Each of our 6 School Buildings
 - \$800,000
- Cooling Tower Replacement – High School
 - \$70,000
- Lighting Replacement – All Elementary Schools
 - \$150,000
- Boilers – County Line and Rockfield Elementary Schools
 - \$300,000
- Window Replacement – All Elementary Schools and partial in Middle School
 - \$92,646
- Generator – High School
 - \$90,000
- Freon 2 Removal – District Wide
 - \$500,000

Safe and Healthful Schools: \$ 974,000

- Door Entrance, Security and Communication Systems – All School Buildings
 - \$830,000
- Interior & Exterior Surveillance System – Middle School
 - \$50,000
- Interior Bleachers – High School and Middle School
 - \$94,000

- The District is seeking the Borrowing Authority via:
 - Fund 38 Borrowing Resolution to be approved on June 22, 2009.
- Estimated Construction start date AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NOT LATER THAN MID SUMMER
- 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.