

Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated Grade School District

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Dr. George Steffen
District Administrator

June 15, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Rew:

This letter is to apply for a \$9,000,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated 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 \$9,000,000 request that is available to our District.

The District proposes to finance the construction of an addition to Trevor Grade School which has a projected cost of \$9,000,000.

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

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: Although the term, STEM, is not normally applied to primary grades, there are two areas where the primary building addition will support this goal – science and technology. Each primary classroom will have a sink and access to water which is necessary for many hands-on and FOSS science activities. Secondly, each classroom will be wired with enough electrical and network outlets to accommodate Smartboards, LCD projectors and computers, thus enabling the use of technological tools in primary classrooms.

Early Childhood, 4-year-old Kindergarten: The entire addition will house four-year-old kindergarten through second grade. The newer classrooms will be larger because we have learned that more space is necessary in primary classrooms in order to accommodate learning centers, group work for differentiated instruction, and classroom computers. More space is also needed for students in order to provide individual interest

centers and classroom libraries with places for young children to read and move around and be more active in their learning.

Many of the classrooms in the Wilmot Primary Center are quite undersized and do not provide the space we need for primary pupils. In addition, four primary classrooms are housed in a modular unit. This modular unit was approved by Kenosha County under a five year variance. The variance will expire in another year and there is no space in the Wilmot building to house four additional classrooms.

Green and Healthy Schools: The plan for the building addition at Trevor is to use geothermal heat and cooling, a “green” source of energy which is supplemented by heat pumps. There are also plans to replace many of the older unit ventilators and window-mounted air conditioners in the existing Trevor building with newer unit ventilators which have condensing units on the roof for air-conditioning. This would result in a significant energy savings.

Safe and Healthful Schools: The existing Wilmot Primary Center is an older building which fails to provide a healthy environment in several respects. First, the old boiler system is connected to uninsulated hot water pipes which run along exterior walls. On very cold winter days, these pipes have frozen causing a failure of the hot water flow and no heat in the building. We have been forced to cancel school at the Wilmot Primary Center because of this problem.

Second, the lower (basement) level classrooms have ceiling mounted heating units. Last year, a heating coil broke in one of these units with the result that hot, boiler water poured out of the ceiling into a second grade classroom. Fortunately, this problem began when no students were in the room and no one was scalded. The proposed new building addition would have all classrooms at ground level and above and no ceiling-mounted heating units.

Finally, the toilet facilities at the Wilmot primary center are inadequate in number. Three toilets in the girl’s washroom and two urinals and one toilet in the boy’s washroom are inadequate for the over two hundred primary students in that building. The proposed new addition will have multiple bathroom locations and meet requirements for toilet facilities.

The District is seeking the Borrowing Authority via a Planned Referendum on November 3, 2009. Estimated Construction start date is February, 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 are met.

The District’s project will be “shovel ready” in the spring 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 architects, engineers, 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.

If you feel that Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated Grade School District is eligible for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program I have enclosed a letter from Dr. Appu Kuttan, chairman of the National Education Foundation CyberLearning. His organization is willing to be our District's 10% match partner.

Please feel free to contact me at 262-862-2356 if additional clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Steffen", is written over a horizontal line.

George Steffen
District Administrator

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June 12, 2009

- **Hon. Clarence Cooper**
U.S. Federal Judge
- **Dr. Appu Kuttan**
Philanthropist, Author
and Recognized Global
Leader in Digital
Education, Education
Systems, Management
Systems & Economic
Development

George Steffen, Superintendent
Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated Grade School District
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RE: **10% Match for your 9,000,000 QZAB**

Dear Supt. Steffen,

- **Dr. Laurence Peters**
Former U.S. Education
Department Senior
Official and First QZAB
Director

As the **national nonprofit leader in bridging the academic and digital divides**, we are very interested in assisting your school district. This letter confirms our interest in participating in a school/business partnership with your School District for the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program. We understand you are interested in applying for **\$9,000,000** in bonding authority. As your 10% match partner, we are willing to pledge an in-kind contribution having a present value as of the date of the issuance of **\$903,000** which exceeds the 10% of the proceeds of the bond issue for **\$9,000,000**. Our contribution will be to assist you in the formation of a QZAB academic program which will provide online course content described below:

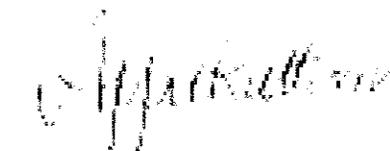
- **Ned Davis**
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Supporting Organizations

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- Cisco
- Dell
- Lockheed Martin
- Washington Post
- Mindleaders
- Barron's Education
- Certiport
- ASCII

Sincerely



Dr. Appu Kuttan
Chairman