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Common Council
City of Milwaukee

Subject: MPS 2013 Borrowing School Quality Construction Bonds

Dear Honorable Members:

The Milwaukee Public Schools has requested the city to borrow \$37.1 million School Quality Construction Bonds on their behalf. MPS will reimburse the city for all debt service and borrowing costs. There are three major categories to their request.

The first category is deferred maintenance projects totaling \$14.5 million. These projects include window and roof replacement, heating and ventilation work and other maintenance activities. Hamilton High School will receive \$3.8 million for a major overhaul of their heating and ventilation systems. Washington High School will see \$2.3 million for window, roof and door replacements. South Division and Bay View High School will receive about \$1.1 million each. A detailed listing of the projects is included in the file.

The second category is the reopening of closed schools. Most of the funds are focused on reopening two schools to be used as charter schools. Of the \$7.6 million requested for this category, \$6.5 million is to open charter schools. The charter school will be the Old Happy Hill School which needs \$1.0 million in repair and Green Bay School which requires \$5.5 million in repairs.

The final category contains a request to finance major renovations and construction at athletic fields at Custer High School and South Division. These two athletic fields support all of the major athletic events for MPS. Custer will need \$10 million and South Division will need \$5 million in repairs.

This request is an important piece of the education system. Strong facilities create a better atmosphere for learning. Athletics are a very important portion of the overall education system. With this in mind, we recommended adoption of the request from MPS for \$37.1 million in QSCB borrowing.

Sincerely,

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