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**LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ald. Michael Murphy  
**FROM:** James Carroll, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
**RE:** MPS Stimulus Borrowing Projects

This memorandum is in response to your request for information regarding MPS use of federal stimulus funds for projects at schools that Superintendent Andrekopoulos recommended be studied for closure. According to a September 26, 2009, Journal Sentinel article, the following 14 schools are being studied for closure:

- **Category 1 (consistently low academic performance):** Garden Homes K-5, Hopkins K-8, Twenty-seventh St. K-8, Wheatley K-8, Milwaukee Education Center Middle School, Milwaukee African American Immersion High School, Professional Learning Institute High School
- **Category 2 (varying academic performance):** Auer Avenue K-8, Fletcher K-5, Franklin K-8, Kagel K-5, LaFollette K-8, Thirty-fifth St. K-8, DIAL High School
- **Category 3 (improving academic performance):** Bruce K-5, Milwaukee Learning Laboratory and Institute High School, WORK Institute High School.

A review of the list of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Qualified School Construction Bonds – Proposed Projects that the Budget Office submitted as an attachment to Common Council File #090555 found that following proposed projects at schools being studied for closure:

Fletcher	Parking Lot –Asphalt	\$ 98,785
Fletcher	Playground – Asphalt	\$277,035
Franklin Elementary	Parking Lot– Concrete	\$ 56,120
Auer Avenue School	Parking Lot – Asphalt	\$388,355
Kagel	Playground –Asphalt	\$421,820

Wheatly School      Replace boilers, EMS Traps & Valves, Dampers/Actuators, Fans, roof, and primary set of exit doors (No dollar amount was provided for these projects.)

You may also be interested to know that following projects are proposed for Juneau High School:

Doors Exterior	\$ 163,712
Window Assemblies	\$1,554,347
Coils/univents	\$1,773,004
Greenhouse	\$ 54,850
Replace Concrete Steps at Exits 1 & 2	(No dollar amount provided)
Replace Roof	(No dollar amount provided)

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