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To: Board of Education
 From: Daniel A. Nerad, Superintendent
 Date: October 19, 2010
 Subject: Aid Increase Use Recommendation

On October 15, 2010 information was provided to the Board of Education showing the increase in State Aid funding we are set to receive from the State of Wisconsin for the 2010-11 school year. The amount we are set to receive above the amount originally projected on July 1, 2010 by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is \$4,597,513. With the information provided, 4 scenarios were provided to the Board that outlined utilizing 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% of these funds to further offset a property tax increase for the 2010-11 school year.

Administration is bringing forward a recommendation to utilize 50% of this increased State Aid to further offset property taxes, while utilizing approximately 50% of these funds to target reinstating reductions made during the preliminary budget process, to infuse funding into instructional resources for children, and to address 4.0 custodial positions within our 4 comprehensive High Schools. The information and funds required to do this are as follows:

ITEM	AMOUNT
1. Supply Reduction of 10%	\$ 555,988
2. Additional Instructional Resource Materials and Instructional Technology	\$ 415,000
3. Maintenance Budget Reduction	\$ 332,496
4. Undesignated Funds	\$ 700,000
5. 4.0 Custodial FTE for Second Shift in the High Schools	\$ 296,356
Total Amount to Fund the Items Listed	\$ 2,299,840

Information relative to why these items are being identified is as follows:

1. During the 2010-11 budget process there was a reduction of 10% or \$555,987.70 to all supply and material budgets which was in addition to reductions in the amount of \$161,263.14 across specific departments. These reductions impact the school formulas, departments and division budgets for

2010-11. The reinstatement of these funds will allow these divisions to provide further consumable resources within the classroom and across departments.

2. Additional Instructional Resource Materials and Instructional Technology for our School District will be targeted around instructional and technology resource needs not currently met. This is specific to replacement of instructional materials, expansion of Dual Language Immersion (DLI), and resources to address possible high school curriculum revisions. A specific plan will be developed and presented to the Board once approved.
3. The reduction to the Maintenance Budget for the 2010-11 school year is on the heels of no longer having approximately \$5 million in annual funding from a non-recurring referendum. We are currently working through projects needing attention to maintain safety and security concerns within our buildings. These additional funds would allow for increased maintenance of our highest priorities such as roofing and HVAC systems that are failing.
4. These funds are set aside for the discretion of the Board of Education to address needs beyond what is specifically recommended in this memorandum.
5. During the re-organization planning process, four custodial positions were identified to be promoted from a Custodial Worker 1 position to a Building Custodial position within each high school. When this process occurred, effectively four individuals who focused on cleaning the facilities were eliminated, and four positions with some cleaning and more coordination type duties were created. This recommendation intends to provide increased custodial support back into our High Schools for higher levels of cleanliness.

If the Board of Education approves the recommendation as presented within this memorandum, the property tax impact information is as follows:

Projected Tax Impact

Applying 50% of Additional State Aid to Offset Property Taxes

	2009-10 Final	Amended Preliminary	Increase State Aid Property Tax Offset *
Total Tax Levy	\$234,240,964	\$247,736,226	\$244,287,564
Tax Rate	\$10.18	\$11.08	\$11.03
Tax Levy % Increase from prior year	3.50%	5.76%	4.29%
Tax Rate % Increase from prior year	3.85%	8.76%	8.34%
Property Tax Bill Increase Based upon \$250,000 Home	\$92.50	\$225.00	\$212.50

*These figures may change slightly based upon final budget calculations and necessary adjustments

This is compared to the where projections were on October 11, 2010 for property tax increase which were as follows:

Summary of Tax Information from October 11, 2010

	2009-10 Final	Amended Preliminary	Admin. Recommendation Net Adj. 10/11/2010
Total Tax Levy	\$234,240,964	\$247,736,226	\$246,346,762
Tax Rate	\$10.18	\$11.08	\$11.13
Tax Levy % Increase from prior year	3.50%	5.76%	5.17%
Tax Rate % Increase from prior year	3.85%	8.76%	9.25%
Property Tax Bill Increase Based upon \$250,000 Home	\$92.50	\$225.00	\$237.50

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