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To: Appropriations Committee  
Fr: Mary Johnson, Superintendent

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**The Browning Public School Board of Trustees, Administrators, staff and 1850 Students of Browning Public Schools request to be included in the Economic Stimulus Funding. This money would allow us to complete our new High School.**

The new Browning High School is being built on 320 acres of school land approximately 1 mile west of Browning. The construction of the new 125,000 square foot High School is nearing completion but in order to have a full-functional school, we require additional funds to finish and complete this facility in the following areas in order of importance:

The School District purchased the land totally undeveloped, part of the expenditures to date and the remaining expenditures involve "site " work, utilities, access, etc.

(1) The School District was depending on the new city/tribal water system to be complete in order to provide adequate water pressure. The project did not get completed; therefore we need to resort to a pump system to increase the pressure enough to run the fire suppression system.

- Water System Upgrade \$120,000

(2) Budget shortfalls prevented us from completing the Communications and security system

- Master clock and PA system \$221,000  
- Security Alarm System \$90,000

(3) Since the land is totally undeveloped, it lacks adequate access roads, parking areas,

- Asphalt Roadways & Parking \$1,000,000

(4) The land lacks sidewalks and gutters.

- Sidewalk Curb & Gutter \$164,000

(5) The land around the school has not been developed or landscaped. It will require an irrigation system and well, topsoil, grass seed, etc

- Perimeter landscaping \$180,000

(6) The budget only allowed for the partial completion of the gymnasium. The Board's priority was the academic classrooms. Therefore, the wings that include classrooms are completed, the gymnasium is not. Yet to be completed is one end of the gym that will include one set of locker rooms, a weight room, teacher offices, and a laundry room.

- Gymnasium Finishes

\$1,225,000

**Total Cost to Complete Project**

**\$3,000,000**

Browning School District # 9 has completed this project without any assistance to date. The District saved a portion of their Impact Aid for 10 years and sold Impact Aid and General Obligation Bonds. The District's lack of a vital tax base continues to hinder the ability to fund projects such as this.

The District has proven to be responsible stewards of the taxpayer's money. The ability to accrue a \$22million dollar funding package over a ten year period while successfully managing the yearly \$25million budget is proof. We encourage the appropriations committee to assist us in finishing this dream of ours for the children.