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Browerville Public School Gymnasium Collapse

Thank you for hearing **Senate File 5/House File _____** – a construction sales tax exemption for Browerville Public Schools, to assist the district after an emergency gymnasium collapse that occurred in 2023. On April 1, 2023, heavy snow and ice partially collapsed the high school gymnasium and the facility was brought down in a controlled collapse twenty-two hours later due to the lack of structural integrity and to preserve and protect the rest of the school facility.

At present the community and school district are working together to replace the facilities destroyed. Construction is underway on a \$21 million replacement. The project will include the following:

- A Competition Gymnasium/Classroom
- Classroom for Adaptive Physical Education
- Disability Accessible Locker Rooms
- Theatrical Stage and Classroom
- Physical Education Offices and Training Facilities
- Weight Room/Wrestling Room / Multi-Purpose Classroom
- Special Education Classroom
- Community Access to Walking Facilities
- Disability Accessibility to All Levels

This was a natural disaster, but Browerville did not qualify for any federal or state natural disaster dollars. We are now asking the State of Minnesota to help us rebuild these much-needed facilities.

