



RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS

ISD #2906

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MN HOUSE TAX COMMITTEE

3.17.2023

HF 2804 SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR ISD 2906 RED LAKE COUNTY CENTRAL

Representative Gomez and House Tax Committee..... Thank you for this opportunity.....

In 2013 ISD 2906 Red Lake County Central was created as a consolidated district of former ISD 627 Oklee and ISD 628 Plummer. We are a rural school district in NW- MN with great community support.

Oct. 2020- Dec. 2021- District develops construction plan with community.

February 8, 2022 – Referendum election passes for 14.1 Million.

April-Dec. 2022 develop design and bid specifications, bids came in 34% or 3.6M over budget, rejected all bids.

March 21-April 11, 2023 redesign and rebid.

Start date has now been to moved to Fall of 2023...earliest & best case now.

The proposed sales tax exemption/refund would provide our construction project approximately \$490,000 (6.875% OF \$7.1M materials & supplies) to help meet the building project our local voters supported when they approved the building referendum.

The project is very important to the communities and school district, as the last new construction was 45 years ago. This project provides for the future, yes buildings, but more than just the bricks & mortar, it also shows that the communities, schools, families and kids are worth investing in, because they will be here in the future.

The sales tax exemption for RLCC would help us be able to fulfill the promises our school board members made in presenting these local construction projects and improvements to our communities, asking for their support in the building referendum election. The students, parents and communities are now anxiously awaiting to see the facility improvements they voted to support, the educational facilities that will provide for this generation and the next. New Science & STEAM rooms, gym and locker rooms, rest rooms, replacing an eighty-five year old building, better energy efficiencies, improved safety and technology, and enough space for 40+ students earning 800 college credits online helping half of our senior class to graduate with their AA degrees, while still focusing on relationships and building responsibility.

Thank you again for the opportunity today to share our situation with you.

Any questions?

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