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From: Randy Brown and Michael Fisher
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We are pleased to report bids for the Park Forest Middle School project were substantially under budget, approximately 10 percent or \$12.5 million below the Act 34 Budget of \$130 million for construction only. Savings were further enhanced by allowing contractors to propose an alternate site wall design that reduced costs by another \$4.5 million. These savings, along with selected alternates, lowered costs by a total of \$18 million below the Act 34 budget.

Although bids came in favorably and construction costs are lower than anticipated, the district continues to face significant capital needs in the years ahead. These savings will help reduce the overall financial strain as we plan for and address those future projects. The funding for the Park Forest Middle School project will be coming generally from the general fund in the form of debt service payments. The finance team will be attending a future board meeting to discuss the bond issuance timeline.