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2010 Summer Sinking Fund Construction Projects

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, summer construction projects will soon be beginning. These projects include a variety of repairs and renovations around the district's facilities. All of the projects are paid for by the district's sinking fund, a special tax collection approved by voters in 2004, and that must meet state approved criteria.

The sinking fund has allowed the district to maintain quality in its facilities that would have otherwise been difficult or impossible to do. Without this special source of funding, a district would need to use its general operational funds to pay for any repairs or special projects that needed to be done. In light of the unstable and declining funding for schools today from the state, most of the past and future projects that have been completed would not have occurred without this additional funding.

In 2009, summer construction projects paid for by the sinking fund included parking lot repaving and roof repairs at Stoney Creek Elementary, parking lot repaving and mechanical equipment replacement at the high school, sidewalk repairs at Greenridge Elementary, and minor expansion of the lot at the transportation garage.

During the course of the 2009-2010 school year, sinking fund allocations were able to save the district approximately \$80,000 in costs that previously would have come from the general fund for necessary repairs and mechanical equipment (chilling units, wells, and floor damage for examples). Instead, the general fund can be spent on providing direct services to our students in the classroom.

This summer, work will begin soon on additional resurfacing to parking lots at Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park High School, and the transportation garage. Gym floors will be refurbished at Pine Island Elementary, Mill Creek Middle School, and CPHS. Additionally, limited roof repairs will take place in specific high need areas at Greenridge Elementary. As with last year, the district will once again be allocating a portion of the sinking fund to cover state allowable maintenance work that occurs during the course of the year, preserving additional monetary resources to be used in the instruction of our students.
