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Indiana State Board of Education
143 W. Market, Suite 500
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: School City of East Chicago
Verified Application for Disaster
Relief Loan

Dear Board,

The School City of East Chicago (located in East Chicago, Indiana) has recently been notified by the EPA that there are dangerous levels of lead and arsenic in the soil of the surrounding housing units near one of our elementary schools as well as in the soil of our elementary building, Carrie Gosch. HUD has issued emergency vouchers for the residents to vacate within the next several months. Because the parents in the affected area have been hesitant to enroll their children at Carrie Gosch Elementary, this has created a disaster in that we have been forced to close that elementary school and move the students to a vacant middle school within five (5) days. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, our district has incurred exorbitant expenses.

Therefore, the School City of East Chicago is requesting an emergency disaster loan to assist us with these costs. We are requesting a disaster loan, per IC 20-49-2, of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) at 1% interest to be repaid over twenty (20) years. Pursuant to IC 20-49-2-8, and as detailed below, the school corporation is requesting the loan for construction, remodel, and repair purposes at the former middle school building and the classrooms contained therein. The disaster loan funds will not be used for the construction, remodel, or repair of gymnasiums, auditoriums, or any athletic facilities. Please consider this document to be the school corporation's verified application for a disaster loan from the Indiana State Board of Education.

- Construction:
 - HVAC repairs from Building Automation System Upgrades, Boiler re-tubing needed, Chiller overhaul.
 - Estimated costs: \$ 240,000.00
 - Exterior modifications to the middle school building (new signage, school identification markings, ADA accessible ramps, masonry updates, electrical updates, parking lot redesign, etc.).
 - Estimated costs: \$ 670,000.00
 - IT installation (install, internet cabling, switches, routers, raceways, etc.).
 - Estimated costs: \$ 400,000.00
 - Install necessary cafeteria equipment (install air handlers, cabinets, warmers, other kitchen equipment, etc.).
 - Estimated costs: \$ 150,000.00

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- Remodeling:
 - Bathrooms to make them “elementary friendly” (lower toilets and sinks, drinking fountains, tile work, partitions, etc.).
 - Estimated costs: \$ 500,000.00
 - Classrooms (renovate multiple classrooms to accommodate special needs students, dismantle two computer labs in order to accommodate all of the students moving to the former middle school, tile work, hall lockers, millwork, glazing windows, etc.).
 - Estimated costs: \$ 750,000.00
- Repairing:
 - Repair and update the school’s phone system.
 - Estimated costs: \$ 75,000.00
 - Insect remediation throughout the entire school building.
 - Estimated costs: \$ 20,000.00

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements and representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dr. Paige McNulty
Superintendent
School City of East Chicago

9/1/16

Date

Respectfully,

Dr. Paige McNulty

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