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Dear Senate and House Education Chairs:

Enclosed please find the report required to be sent to you pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 473. 757, subdivision 2, relating to the uses of excess sales tax revenues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard P. Johnson'.

Richard P. Johnson
County Administrator

Cc: Hennepin County Board of Commissioners

Attachment

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. SECTION 473.757, SUBD. 2

Background

Minn. Stat. § 474.757, subd. 2 authorizes Hennepin County, by resolution, to make certain expenditures for increased library hours and youth activities and youth and amateur sports from excess revenues, if any, from the sales tax enacted for the new Twins ballpark. The same legislation also requires Hennepin County to make a report by January 15, 2009 and every two years thereafter describing any such uses of the money. The report must be made to the chairs of the committees and budget divisions in the Senate and the House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over education policy and funding.

Report For 2009 and 2010

The plans for both additional library hours and youth activities and amateur sports are designed to be financially sustainable in order to ensure the stability and longevity of both programs. Since the 1.5 percent growth factor provided for in the legislation is not sufficient to cover reasonably anticipated increases in annual operating costs, the plans adopted by the Board use some of the funds for a reserve to assure that the programs are financially sustainable for at least nine years.

The additional library hours program supplements library hours across the county. In 2009, the program included 13 libraries for a total of 65 supplemented hours per week. In 2010, the program included 15 libraries for a total of 83 supplemented hours per week. The Libraries are listed below by name:

2009 Libraries with Additional Hours:		2010 Libraries with Additional Hours:	
Augsburg Park	Minneapolis Central	Augsburg Park	Minneapolis Central
Brooklyn Park	North Regional	Brooklyn Park	North Regional
Champlin	Oxboro	Champlin	Oxboro
East Lake	Rockford Road	East Lake	Plymouth
Golden Valley	St Louis Park	Golden Valley	Rockford Road
Hopkins	Westonka	Hopkins	St Louis Park
Hosmer		Hosmer	Westonka
		Maple Grove	

The youth activities and amateur sports program grants funds to supplement capital improvement projects that improve youth activities. Projects approved for grants in 2009 and 2010 are noted below:

2009 Youth Sports Grants Approved:	2010 Youth Sports Grants Approved:
<p>New Hope Field Medina Field House Brook Park Soccer Corcoran Tee-ball Brook Park Soccer Richfield Baseball Rogers baseball / softball MPRB – Van Cleve Park Rogers locker rooms Minnetonka playground MPRB – Stewart Park MPRB – East Philips St. Anthony Lights Bloomington baseball MPRB – Bottineau Park MPRB – Armatage Park Hockey Boards Shady Oak Playground</p>	<p>Maple Grove Multi-Purpose Sports Dome Northside Park Redevelopment Brooklyn Center Youth Gymnasium Softball, Soccer & Athletic Field Imprvmnts Currie Park Lakeview Terrace Park Playfield Hopkins Softball Field Renovation Seven Tennis Court Complex Northeast Baseball Field Renovation Pearl Baseball Field Robbinsdale Athletic Facilities Phase I Forest School Park Honeywell Youth Field Expansion Northside Park Redevelopment North Community Park Currie Park Cornelia Elementary School Pershing Park Turf Development- Bloomington Schools El Patio Crystal Little League Miller Park Improvement Thor Thompson Park Outdoor Hockey Rinks Project Manor Park</p>

Hennepin Youth Sports Grant Program

<u>Grant Summary as of 2/22/11</u>	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total to date:
Grants Approved by Board	2,475,933	2,320,022	1,906,550				6,702,505
Admin / Consulting costs	65,000	65,000	65,000				195,000
N.T.E. Expense:	2,540,933	2,385,022	1,971,550	-			6,897,505

Description (from Resolution)	Round 1 (Adopted 12/15/2009)		
	Granted	Reimbursed	Remaining
New Hope Field	48,945	(48,945)	-
Medina field house	100,000	(100,000)	-
Brook Park soccer	210,000		210,000
Corcoran tee-ball	10,000	(10,000)	-
Brook Park soccer	225,000		225,000
Richfield baseball	240,000	(240,000)	-
Rogers bas/softball	44,000	(44,000)	-
MPRB- VanCleve	75,000	(75,000)	-
Rogers locker rooms	50,000		50,000
Mtka playground	45,000	(45,000)	-
MPRB - Stewart	225,000		225,000
MPRB - East Phillips	150,000		150,000
St. Anthony lights	345,000	(345,000)	-
Bloomington baseball	235,488	(235,488)	-
MPRB - Bottineau	130,000		130,000
MPRB - Armatage	40,000	(40,000)	-
Hockey Boards	115,000	(115,000)	-
Shady Oak playground	187,500		187,500
Total:	2,475,933	(1,298,433)	1,177,500

Description (from Resolution)	Round 2 (Adopted 11/2/10)		
	Granted	Reimbursed	Remaining
Robbinsdale Middle / Community Ph I	334,250	-	334,250
Forest School Park	76,220	-	76,220
Honeywell Field Expansion	400,000		400,000
Northside Park Redevelopment	200,000		200,000
North Community Park	135,000		135,000
Currie Park	295,000		295,000
Cornelia Elementary School	60,000		60,000
Pershing Park	80,500		80,500
Turf at Kennedy & Jefferson	200,000	(200,000)	-
El Patio	118,500		118,500
Crystal Little League	43,523	(43,523)	-
Miller Park Improvements	110,000		110,000
Thor Thompson Park	102,829	(102,829)	-
Outdoor Hockey Rinks Project	60,000	(60,000)	-
Manor Park	104,200	(104,200)	-
Total:	2,320,022	(510,552)	1,809,470

