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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 blue ink, appearing to read 'David B. Lawless'.

David Lawless,  
Director of Budget and Finance

Cc: Hennepin County Board of Commissioners

Attachment

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

## **Background**

Minn. Stat. section 473.757, 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 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 House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over education policy and funding.

## **Report For 2013 and 2014**

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 2013, the program included 15 libraries for a total of 83 supplemented hours per week. In 2014, the program included 16 libraries for a total of 83 supplemental hours per week. The Libraries are listed below by name:

| <b>2013 Libraries with Additional Hours:</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Augsburg Park                                | Minneapolis Central |
| Brooklyn Park                                | North Regional      |
| Champlin                                     | Oxboro              |
| East Lake                                    | Plymouth            |
| Golden Valley                                | Rockford Road       |
| Hopkins                                      | St. Louis Park      |
| Hosmer                                       | Westonka            |
| Maple Grove                                  |                     |

| <b>2014 Libraries with Additional Hours:</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Augsburg Park                                | Hosmer              |
| Brookdale                                    | Maple Grove         |
| Brooklyn Park                                | Minneapolis Central |
| East Lake                                    | North Regional      |
| Eden Prairie                                 | Penn Lake           |
| Edina  | Plymouth            |
| Golden Valley                                | Rockford Road       |
| Hopkins                                      | Rogers              |

The youth activities and amateur sports program grants funds to supplement capital improvement projects that improve youth activities. Projects approved for grants in 2013 and 2014 are noted below:

| 2013 Youth Activities and Amateur Grants Approved: |                          |                                  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| City of Brooklyn Center                            | City of Minnetonka Beach | Minneapolis Public Schools       |
| City of Brooklyn Park                              | City of New Hope         | Minnetonka ISD 276               |
| City of Corcoran                                   | City of Orono            | Mpls Parks and Rec               |
| City of Crystal                                    | City of Plymouth         | Osseo ISD 279                    |
| City of Eden Prairie                               | City of Richfield        | Richfield ISD 280                |
| City of Golden Valley                              | City of Robbinsdale      | Rockford ISD 883                 |
| City of Loretto                                    | City of Rogers           | St. Anthony-New Brighton ISD 282 |
| City of Maple Plain                                | City of St. Louis Park   | St. Louis Park ISD 283           |
| City of Minnetonka                                 | Hopkins ISD 270          | Three Rivers Park District       |

| 2014 Youth Activities and Amateur Grants Approved: |   |                            |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| City of Bloomington                                | City of Richfield                       | Minnetonka ISD 276         |
| City of Dayton                                     | City of Robbinsdale                     | Mpls Parks and Rec         |
| City of Eden Prairie                               | City of Rogers                          | Orono ISD 278              |
| City of Edina                                      | City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach | Richfield ISD 280          |
| City of Golden Valley                              | Eden Prairie ISD 272                    | Robbinsdale ISD 181        |
| City of Loretto                                    | Hopkins ISD 270                         | St. Louis Park ISD 283     |
| City of Minnetonka                                 | Intermediate District 287               | Three Rivers Park District |
| City of New Hope                                   | Minneapolis Public Schools              | Westonka Schools ISD 277   |