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INFORMATION ALERT

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Re: Senate Passes School Loan Revolving Fund Legislation

Thursday morning the Senate passed the School Loan Revolving Fund legislation (**SB 770, 771, 772, and 870**). In what looks to be another scripted outcome, every Democrat voted against the legislation and all but one Republican (Senator Kahn) voted in favor of the measure.

The legislation will now be taken up by the House, probably as soon as the legislature reconvenes after their summer break. As mentioned in the *Information Alert* Wednesday, it is in the House where we will now try to shape the legislation into a more favorable form.

The Caucus has been preparing for the possibility that this legislation could eventually become law. We have worked for more than a year with key legislators to demonstrate the inequitable and unacceptable consequences of hundreds of state school districts cut off from state financial help for school infrastructure projects. At least one legislator seems ready to re-launch the effort to create a state school infrastructure funding program, begun by the Caucus and former Senator Jelinek, and we have reason to believe Governor Snyder and Lt. Governor Calley are engaging in the issue.

For now it would be helpful for House members to ponder their vote on the School Loan Revolving Fund legislation. When you see them in your districts this summer preparing for their November elections, ask:

“If the School Loan Revolving Fund legislation becomes law, what are your plans for schools with no other means to provide safe buildings, repair and upgrade roofs, boilers, create energy efficiencies, and provide the technology required for students to meet achievement expectations ... for the next 30 years?”

Should you have the opportunity to ask that, or similar, questions, please send me a quick note about your representative's response. Contact me if you need more information about this legislation, the Caucus' work on school infrastructure funding, or any other school issue.

Jerry