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Robert Reichenberger  
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***Re: Proposed Recommendation to the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees on a  
Property Value Limitation for Solar-Prime***

Dear Robert:

As you know, the Brackett Independent School District has been approached about a solar power project that would result in a new investment of approximately \$70 million. This project would also bring new jobs to the District. Under the Texas Economic Development Act, school districts may offer property value limitations to attract major economic development projects like the Solar-Prime project.

Based on the information made available to us, I am writing to inform you that I anticipate making a favorable recommendation to the Board of Trustees should Brackett ISD be presented with an application for a property value limitation for the Solar-Prime Project under the Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code).

Under state law, a school board may not take action on a property value limitation until the formal application and review process has been completed. This includes an economic analysis prepared by the state and a financial analysis of the impact of the value limitation on the finances of Brackett ISD, as well as negotiation of an implementation agreement between the District and the Company.

Once these steps have been completed, the Texas Economic Development Act permits the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees to approve an agreement for the Solar-Prime Project that would place the project on the school tax roll at a reduced taxable value of \$1 million for an eight-year period for maintenance and operations taxes levied by the School District, which taxes at a rate of \$1.04 per \$100. Given the level of investment being considered, these tax savings could be substantial.

I would recommend approval of a value limitation for the Solar-Prime Project based on the following conditions:

1. A formal application and application fee is submitted to Brackett ISD in a manner that is consistent with state law and school board policy;
2. The economic and financial analyses indicate that the project would benefit the area;
3. Suitable language is included in the implementation agreement to protect the school district from any potential revenue losses as a result of entering into the agreement, which is also required by state law; and

Once we receive a formal application for the Solar-Prime Project, I am committed to take all necessary steps to expedite the review and approval process required by law. An implementation agreement incorporating the terms listed above will have to be approved by both the Company and the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees as part of this process, as will the economic and financial analyses mentioned previously. I anticipate that all of these items can be completed in a reasonable time frame.

I feel that this project would be major assets for both the company and our community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thank you for considering Brackett ISD as a site for this important project.

Sincerely,

  
Taylor Stephenson  
Superintendent