SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 16-Nov-09 **Agenda #** _____

Staff/Administrator: _____ **Superintendent:** Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: [X] *Informational* [ ] *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I met with Aaron Ausland and he is looking into the seismic retrofit grant available through the state. Aaron's research is that very few people are applying for the grant and the old Applegate School may fall nicely into the grant specifications. We believe Applegate meets the criteria, and we have applied for the grant in cooperation between the Three Rivers Foundation and the Applegate community. The grant would pay for the construction etc. The District would not have to do that. There was about a $4,000 to $5,000 up front cost to get the specs to submit for the grant. A community member has already donated the money to cover those fees. It would be much more than that but Aaron is donating his time and work.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

In 2000 the 1912 brick building at Applegate was closed because of seismic issues that the district could not afford to repair. The historic building has been vacant since.

List the advantages of your proposal:

If the grant is awarded the district and community would be able to restore a classic building to use for both education and the community.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

While the grant would pay for the structural repairs, there may be some expeses that are not covered by the grant if the decision was to re-open the building for students.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes [ ] No [ ]