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March 17, 2010

Mr. Michael Padavic
Oak Park Elementary School District 97
970 West Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

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DEPARTMENT OF
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dear Mr. Padavic:

Staff from the Division of Special Education has carefully reviewed your request which was received on March 9, 2010 from Oak Park Elementary School District 97 to expand Lincoln School and to install accessible restrooms at Holmes School and Brooks Middle School. I am pleased to inform you that we have approved your request. The costs for these projects may be included in your FY10 ARRA IDEA Part B grant applications.

This decision is based upon an evaluation of your proposal in comparison to the guidelines stated in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the use of funds. Since the funds will be used to provide services to address the needs of your students and provide appropriate special education and related services, aids, and supports in the regular classroom wherever appropriate, we believe your proposal meets the stated purposes of the Act.

The United States Department of Education has indicated that there will be reporting requirements for the ARRA program that will be forthcoming. Your attention to diligent recordkeeping, documentation and preparation to justify all expenditures is essential and appreciated. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Penny Kelly at 217/782-5589.

Sincerely,

David Andel, Division Administrator
Division of Special Education Services