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**Fwd: Call to Action: Flexibility for Construction and Competitive Bid Thresholds**

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Subject: Call to Action: Flexibility for Construction and Competitive Bid Thresholds

To: <[jbauer@panaschools.com](mailto:jbauer@panaschools.com)>**Call to Action: Flexibility for Construction and Competitive Bid Thresholds**

In advance of Wednesday's House Elementary & Secondary Education Committee Hearing, please consider **[filling out a witness slip in support](#)** of HB 2233. The legislation seeks to address the rising inflation and labor costs, and will allow school districts more flexibility and freedom to work with trusted vendors when districts are seeking to complete small construction projects and make other purchases.

Since 2008, the existing thresholds that trigger the requirement for school districts to utilize the competitive and construction bidding process has not increased, yet inflation has increased by over 40%. This legislative proposal would raise the competitive bid threshold from \$25,000 to \$35,000, and increase the construction bid threshold from \$50,000 to \$70,000. The bill also maintains the ability of local school boards to set their local bid thresholds below these amounts if they choose to do so.

There is precedent in the Illinois General Assembly to raise competitive bid thresholds. Several pieces of legislation were passed in the 102nd General Assembly (**[PA 102-0460](#)** and **[PA 102-0999](#)**) that allowed for Park Districts and Forest Preserve Districts to increase thresholds. We are simply requesting similar increases for school districts.

Thank you for all you do to support public education. If you have time, please take a moment to file a witness slip as a proponent for **[HB 2233](#)**.

Sincerely,

Madeline McCune

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