

**Report to the Community from the Urbandale Community Facilities Committee  
For Three Quarters October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006**

The Urbandale Community Facilities Committee (CFC) was established as an oversight committee to monitor the spending of the receipts of a one percent (1%) local option sales tax levy included in the “Schools First!” proposal that Polk County voters approved on November 23, 1999.

Included in and part of the Schools First! Referendum was the Urbandale Community School District, “Schools First Initiative Facilities Plan”. The plan set out the projects that are to be completed utilizing the local option sales tax proceeds. The plan outlined total projects of around \$13,500,000. To date, the majority of the \$5,077,222 that has been spent has been spent on projects at the elementary schools and middle school. The Plan outlined projects at the Urbandale High School of around \$5,500,000.

The Referendum also provided that the Urbandale School District would apply fifty percent of the sales tax levy proceeds towards the repayment of the district’s voter approved debt. To date, around \$10,637,000 has been applied to debt and debt service representing 63% of total sales tax revenues.

One of the responsibilities of the CFC is to annually report its activities to the Urbandale School Board and the Community. This is the sixth annual report provided by the Committee. This report covers activity from October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

During the period from October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the Committee approved projects set out below that comply with the School’s First Referendum. The uses of funds include:

- Olmsted and Jensen Elementary School** - Upgrading phone systems and installing wireless network.
- Olmsted Elementary School** – Upgrading plumbing and building lighting.
- Urbandale Middle School** – Replacing phase protector for electrical voltage monitoring.
- Valerius, Olmsted, Rolling Green, Karen Acres and Jensen Elementary Schools** - Installing keyless entry security systems.
- Urbandale Middle School and Valerius, Rolling Green, Karen Acres and Jensen Elementary Schools** – Installing new carpeting in select areas.
- Debt Retirement** – In May of 2006 for the 2005-2006 tax year, the District applied approximately \$3,400,000 to Debt Retirement.

During the CFC meetings, members made inspections of several schools in the district, received reports on construction in progress, and received updates on the tax receipts from the Iowa Department of Revenue, as well as interest earned on the unexpended funds.

The CFC appointed a sub-committee to review documents relating to construction activity, and the receipts and disbursements from the Local Option Sales Tax Fund. This review included a selection of construction contracts and architect reports. This year’s review found no discrepancies.

Sales tax revenue is estimated each year and is subject to timing delays requiring true-ups to the debt retirement calculation each year. Since inception and through June of 2006 the district has collected approximately \$16,819,197 and has applied \$10,637,000 to debt service and \$5,077,222 to projects. As of June 2006, there is over \$1,104,975 available to apply towards upcoming debt service payment and future projects.

If you have any questions regarding the activities of the CFC Committee, please contact the Administration Office for a list of Committee members.

Mark A. Wierson, Chairperson

(Current membership of the CFC are as follows: Mark Wierson, Chair, Bruce Benard, John Bouslog, Jan Caldwell, Jerry Clutts, DeAnna Ferguson, Linda Gronert, Steve Haun, Ryan Judas, Julie Kruse Halbur, Lance McConnell, Helene Rosauer, Georgia Sheriff, Richard Sucher II, Joni Wilkinson, and Sharon Winkel)