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Mr. Paul Bakalis, Mr. Carlos Monreal, and SFB Board:

I would like to thank you for all your support these past 3 years. I am a superintendent of 2 small school districts in SE Arizona. If my districts were without your financial assistance along with your guidance, my schools and students would be lacking in many areas.

It is very difficult in today's education world to keep up with buildings and grounds, as well as trying to increase teacher funding. It is especially difficult in small districts such as mine. However, these last 3 years, I have been able to increase teacher pay to help draw good teachers as well as retain them within my schools. A big reason I have been able to do this, is with the help from the SFB. I have been able to use more of my budget for teachers and students due to the fact that you have helped with my building issues.

Thank you for your assistance.

KYLE HART  
Supt. Pearce Elementary School District  
Supt. Valley Union High School District

**To:** School District Personnel

**From:** Arizona School Facilities Board Staff

**RE:** Advocating for Districts – Pearce Elementary

Please take a moment to read this letter from the Superintendent of Pearce Elementary School District in rural southern Arizona to School Facilities Board Staff and, in particular, Liaison Carlos Monreal.

The letter isn't acknowledging one-time assistance but years of SFB staff and liaison commitment to provide funding for renewal projects and guidance where needed. It also touches on how partnering with the SFB on facilities issues can enable districts to use more of their budgets for teacher pay and student services.

This is our 'value proposition' at work. How can we bring value to you?

#### **About the Arizona School Facilities Board**

Created in 1998, the Arizona School Facilities Board (AZSFB) is a cabinet-level, state-government agency managing \$350 Million in state funding appropriated for K-12 school district facilities. The 12-member board meets monthly to grant financing for new school construction and funding to renew existing school facilities. AZSFB staff is a partner and advocate for school districts in facilitating successful grant requests.