Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bruce Law Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Troy A. Courtney Director of Human Resources Dr. Joyce Powell Director of Student Services Jeffrey T. Eagan Business Manager

IV. Interview of Law Firms

- A. Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi and Andersson, P.C. (6:30 p.m.)
- B. Canna and Canna Ltd. (7:00 p.m.)

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl

Superintendent of Schools

DATE: April 9, 2012

RE: Interview of Law Firms

As discussed previously, an RFP was sent out on March 9 in order to retain legal counsel to assist District 86 in the LADSE withdrawal process. Two firms responded and are present to be interviewed by the Board at this time. Their RFP responses are attached for review as well as a tally sheet that may assist the Board in the interview process.

Motion: Hear the Report

Recommended Action: *Informational*

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March 14, 2012

Via email: nwahl@hinsdale86.org and FedEx

Dr. Nicholas Wahl, Superintendent Hinsdale Township High School District 86 55th and Grant Streets Hinsdale, IL 60521

Re:

Proposal for Legal Services

Dear Dr. Wahl:

This correspondence is in response to the Request for Proposals for Legal Services for Withdrawal from LADSE Cooperative received from you on March 12, 2012. Ten copies of our Proposal, which was prepared by me, are enclosed herewith. I would also be the person to contact for additional information and would be the primary contact for the District in the event you determined to utilize our services.

Our law practice focuses on the representation of school districts and local governmental entities. In addition, the firm handles general civil litigation matters in all state and federal courts and before all administrative agencies. The firm has been in existence since the 1930's and has been providing legal services to school districts and governmental entities for over 40 years. Our law firm has received the highest rating which can be awarded to attorneys by Martindale-Hubbell, the most prestigious law directory in the country for lawyers.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have. We look forward to a favorable consideration by District 86 of our firm.

Very truly yours

Peter K. Wilson, Jr.

PKW:eme Enclosure

PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86 March 14, 2012



MICKEY, WILSON, WEILER, RENZI & ANDERSSON, P.C.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Firm Name: Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, P.C.

Federal Tax I.D. #36-366588

2. Business Address: 2111 Plum Street, Suite 201, P.O. Box 787

3. City, State, Zip: Aurora, Illinois 60507-0787

4. Phone/Fax #: (630) 801-9699 / (630) 801-9715

5. Website: <u>www.mickeywilson.com</u>

6. Contact Persons: Peter K. Wilson, Jr., Partner and primary contact person, (pkw@mickeywilson.com); Bernard K. Weiler, Partner, (bkw@mickeywilson.com); Constance B. Renzi, Partner, (cbr@mickeywilson.com); and Jessica L. Drahos, Associate (jld@mickeywilson.com).

SERVICES PROVIDED

I. Withdrawal from a Special Education Cooperative.

In addition to matters that may be included in a joint agreement, withdrawal from a special education cooperative is by a Petition as described in Section 10-22.31 of the School Code [governing special education cooperatives] and a hearing before the Regional Board of School Trustees (or Boards, if more than one has jurisdiction) conducted in accordance with Article 7 of the School Code (governing detachment proceedings). Our firm has had significant experience with special education cooperatives, intergovernmental agreements for the operation of a special education facility, vocational cooperatives, the withdrawal from a special education cooperative, as well as detachment proceedings, including subsequent administrative review proceedings in the court system. Specifically, with respect to the withdrawal from a special education cooperative, our most comprehensive was the representation of the Lockport Township High School District #205 in its successful withdrawal petition from the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC), which was a full contested hearing before the Regional Board of School Trustees for Will County in 2003. This matter involved not only the basis of the withdrawal but also, following the hearing, the negotiated transfer of employees from the cooperative to the school district where the employees were subject to certain collective bargaining agreements.

As noted, a petition for withdrawal from a special education cooperative is governed in certain respects by the same statutory provisions governing the detachment of property from a

school district. Our firm has participated in a number of detachment proceedings and is familiar with the procedural process.

II. Introduction and General Experience:

A large portion of the practice of the law firm of Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi & Andersson, P.C. focuses on the representation of school districts and local governmental entities. In addition, the firm handles general civil litigation matters in all state and federal courts and before all administrative agencies. The firm has been in existence since the 1930's and has been providing legal services to school districts and governmental entities for over 40 years.

The scope of services delivered to school districts and governmental entities on a regular basis is quite varied and in the course of our representation we have become experienced in dealing with many of the issues unique to such public bodies. For example, we have prepared numerous regulatory or compliance ordinances and resolutions, handled student disciplinary matters, special education issues, special education cooperative issues, detachment proceedings, employment issues, land use & development agreements (including architect and construction manager contracts for new school or municipal buildings), intergovernmental agreements, ordinances and/or resolutions establishing public budgets, TIF Districts, tax levies, tax extensions, and tax anticipation warrants. We also work with bond counsel for bond issues and tax anticipation warrants. We have handled various election matters and referenda, not only as to tax increases but also other election or public question issues, including conduct by employees and board members during referenda campaigns. We have advised our clients and conducted seminars on compliance with various state and federal acts, including the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, civil rights mandates, public bidding of contracts, and prevailing wage issues. We have handled administrative hearings for zoning & development, the withdrawal of a district from special education cooperative, the annexation and de-annexation of properties from various school districts, and drafted the rules and regulations governing the operations of fire protection districts and human resources manuals.

The attorneys with primary responsibility for representing your school district would be Peter K. Wilson, Jr., Bernard K. Weiler, Constance B. Renzi and Jessica L. Drahos. Brief resumes are attached; additional information is available upon request. Other attorneys in the firm who handle matters on behalf of municipalities and schools are Gary K. Mickey, Steven A. Andersson, Dean M. Frieders, and Catherine Malesky. We believe in a team approach which would mean that there always is more than one person available and familiar with ongoing matters of concern to the District. This facilitates obtaining prompt service and attendance at meetings, if needed. Our law firm has received the highest rating which can be awarded to attorneys by Martindale-Hubbell, the most prestigious law directory in the country for lawyers. Attorneys Wilson, Weiler, Renzi, Frieders and Drahos are all members of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and the National Council of School Attorneys. They attend as well as make presentations on school law matters before school boards, the National Council of School Boards, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, NBI, and related associations. Attorney

Wilson is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and a past Chairman of that Council.

As indicated, the firm represents public school districts, municipalities, as well as other governmental agencies. Currently we are general counsel for the Aurora West District #129, East Aurora School District #131, Sandwich Community Unit School District #430, Yorkville Community Unit School District #115, Salt Creek School District, #48, the Indian Valley Vocational Center (a vocational co-operative of eleven school districts), the City of DeKalb, the Village of Montgomery, the Village of Sugar Grove, the Village of Pingree Grove, the Winfield Fire Protection District, and the Marywood Fire Protection District. We are local counsel for the Batavia School District #101. We have served as special counsel on various matters to numerous other school districts, communities and governmental agencies such as Lockport Township H.S. District #205, Waubonsee Community College, the Village of North Aurora, City of Aurora, City of Geneva, the Village of Elburn, and the Orland Park Fire Protection District. We have also acted as assigned liability counsel for the insurer of various school districts and governmental agencies. As such, we have provided litigation defense for a number of districts including Batavia School District #101, Aurora West School District #129, East Aurora School District #131, St. Charles School District #301, Dundee School District #300, Kaneland Community Unit School District #302, Oswego School District #308, Waubonsee Community College, as well as others.

The firm has extensive experience in representing clients before both administrative agencies and the courts. The listed attorneys are licensed and practice in all state and federal courts, and, in addition, have handled matters before the Court of Claims, the Merit Systems Protection Board, the National Labor Relations Board, the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, as well as before various private organizations such as the American Arbitration Association and the National Association of Security Dealers.

Our attorneys remain current on national trends through their active involvement in the above-referenced committees and organizations. Rather than being reactionary to emerging trends, our attorneys are at the forefront of new ideas and changes in the law; we are frequent lecturers and Continuing Legal Education providers who share our experience and research with other legal professionals.

When litigation arises, our firm is uniquely suited to defend our clients' interests. Our team approach to issues allows us to bring specific litigation experience to address client needs. For example, our office recently completed litigation regarding the interpretation of an intergovernmental agreement, from the pre-trial negotiation stages, through trial and appeal all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court, with the result being that our client's desired interpretation of the agreement prevailed. Our attorneys include seasoned litigators and a retired judge, all of whom are capable of handling your legal needs.

Representing numerous units of government has given us extensive experience in interacting with elected officials, administration, employees and the general public. Our attorneys are sensitive to the role of each group in the governance of a school district, and we

provide both legal and practical guidance that allows our school clients to effectively operate their educational institutions, while avoiding unnecessary litigation and adverse public responses.

III. FEE STRUCTURE

Our hourly rate for this type of school work is \$195.00 per hour. This rate represents a substantial discount from our normal hourly rate for other forms of legal work. We include this information because we want you to know that we understand the pressures on school budgets, and try to provide the highest quality legal services at reasonable rates. We also understand that not all legal matters present the same demands. Accordingly, we have been innovative in the past in designing fee arrangements to assure that our clients receive the best possible legal services at the lowest possible cost. For example, in some instances, we maintain a flat fee retainer file so telephone inquiries or general information can be obtained without a concern of incurring large legal fees. At the same time, larger, on-going matters can be handled and billed separately at a specific hourly rate. Our hourly billing is done in tenths of an hour for actual time expended on the matter.

Costs which are billed separately by the firm include actual out-of-pocket expenditures, such as filing fees, deposition costs, or photocopying costs for large projects. There are no charges for staff time, faxes, or normal photocopying costs.

III. REFERENCES

- 1. Dr. James Rydland, Superintendent, Aurora West District #129, 80 S. River St., Aurora, IL 60506, Phone 630-301-5000.
- 2. Dr. Jerome Roberts, Superintendent, East Aurora School District #131, 417 Fifth Street, Aurora, IL 60505, Phone 630-299-5554.
- 2. Dr. John Correll, Superintendent, Salt Creek School District #48, 1110 S. Villa Ave., Villa Park, IL 60181, Phone 630-279-8400.
- 3. Rick Schmitt, Superintendent, Sandwich Community Unit School District #430, 720 S. Wells, Sandwich, IL 60548, Phone 815-786-2187.
- 4. Dr. Scott Wakeley, Superintendent, Yorkville Community Unit School District #115, 602 Center Parkway, Suite A, Yorkville, IL 60560, Phone 630-553-4382.
- 5. Mr. Ron Pieper, Executive Director, Indian Valley Vocational Center, 600 Lions Road, Sandwich, IL 60548, Phone 815-786-9873.

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GARY K. MICKEY, born Hammond, Indiana, June 26, 1939; admitted to bar, 1966, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Federal Trial Bar; and U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. *Education:* Illinois Wesleyan University (A.B., 1961); University of Illinois (LL.B., 1965). Blue Key; Pi Sigma Alpha; Phi Delta Phi. *Member:* Kane County and Illinois State Bar Associations; Illinois Defense Council; Defense Research Institute.

PETER K. WILSON, JR., born Lamesa, Texas, December 4, 1942; admitted to bar, 1967, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Federal Trial Bar; and U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. *Education:* Miami University; Valparaiso University (B.A., 1965); Valparaiso University (J.D., 1967, University Honors). Member, editorial board (1965-1967) and Articles and Book Review Editor, Valparaiso University Law Review, 1966-1967. Associate Circuit Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit, 1988-1991. (Board of Directors of the Illinois Judge's Association, faculty member, Illinois Judicial Conference, 1990, 1991, Presiding Judge, Family Division 1991). *Member:* Kane County (President, 1994-95) and Illinois State Bar Associations; National Council of School Attorneys; Illinois Council of School Attorneys (member of Executive Committee 2001-2010, Chairperson 2003-2005); Illinois Municipal League; National Institute of Municipal Law Officers; Certified Mediator.

BERNARD K. WEILER, born Aurora, Illinois, July 31, 1953; admitted to bar, 1978, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. *Education*: Loyola University (B.A., 1975; J.D., 1978). Editor and Chief of Loyola Phoenix (Loyola University Weekly Publication) 1975; Editor and Chief, Blackacre (Loyola University Law School Semi-Weekly Publication) 1977-1978. *Member*: Chicago, Kane County and Illinois State Bar Associations; Defense Research Institute; American Trial Lawyers Association; Illinois Council of School Attorneys; National Council of School Attorneys; Certified Mediator.

CONSTANCE BURNETT RENZI, is a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Law. In addition to practicing school law, and primarily special education matters, Connie is a frequent lecturer and has written various articles on estate planning, disability planning and various elder law topics. She is the managing partner of the Elder Law Center. She is a member of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys, the National Council of School Attorneys, the Past President of the Illinois Chapter of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc., and is a

member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and is the Past Chairperson of the Association's Elder Law Section Council. Connie is also a member of the Kane County Bar Association.

STEVEN A. ANDERSSON, born Midlothian, Illinois, August 15, 1964; admitted to bar, 1992, Illinois; Federal District Court. *Education*: Northern Illinois University (B.A., 1987); Northern Illinois University (J.D., magna cum laude, 1992). President, Kane County Bar Association, 2001-2002, Officer 1996-2001, Chairperson, KCBA Municipal Law Committee, Illinois Municipal League, 16th Judicial Circuit Certified Arbitrator, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Northern Illinois University Law Review, Assistant Student Works Editor 1990-1992. American Jurisprudence Award in Trusts and Estates, 1991. Member, National Mock Trial Competition Team, 1992. Editor-in-Chief, Kane County Bar Briefs, 1994-95. *Member:* Kane County (President 2001-2001), American Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Associations.

DEAN M. FRIEDERS, born St. Charles, Illinois, January 26, 1979; admitted to bar 2004, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. *Education:* North Central College (B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, 2001); Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D. *With Honors* 2004). Student Editor, Illinois State Bar Association *In the Alternative* Conflict Resolution Newsletter, 1998-2001. Illinois State Bar Association ADR Section Council Pro Bono Recognition Award, 2001. Dean is also the sitting chairman of the Northern Illinois University Sustainable Governance Conference Advisory Board, and a lecturer in the Kishwaukee Community Hospital EMS training program. *Member:* Kane County, DuPage County, Chicago, American and Illinois State Bar Associations, Kane County Local Government Law Committee, American Trial Lawyers Association, Illinois Council of School Attorneys, and the National Council of School Attorneys. Dean has served as General Counsel for the Kane County Bar Association and presently serves on its Board of Directors, having recently been elected to a position that succeeds to President of the Association.

CATHERINE E. MALESKY, born Elgin, Illinois, November 4, 1982; admitted to the bar 2008, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. *Education*: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005); Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 2008). *Member*: Kane County and Illinois State Bar Associations, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Catherine previously worked as a Staff Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Kane, Kendall, and DeKalb counties. She worked closely with the judges, providing assistance in the courtrooms and conducting research on a variety of complex matters.

JESSICA L. DRAHOS, born Granite City, Illinois, November 5, 1978; admitted to bar 2010, Illinois; Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit. *Education*: University of Illinois-Chicago (B.A. 2002); University of Illinois-Chicago (M.P.H. 2004); University of Illinois-College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2010). Member: Kane County, American, and Illinois State Bar Associations. Jessica previously completed a fellowship with the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Office in Elgin, and also worked as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Civil Division for the McHenry County State's Attorney.

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March 15, 2012

VIA EMAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Dr. Nicholas Wahl Superintendent of Schools Hinsdale Township High School District 86 5500 South Grant Street Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

RE:

Legal Services

Dear Dr. Wahl:

We have received the District's request for proposals for legal services relating to the District's withdrawal from LADSE. We are pleased to be able to respond.

Enclosed is a firm resume that provides details relating to our firm, our school clients and other public clients, and references. The firm is organized as a professional Limited Liability Company (LLC) incorporated in Illinois. The firm's complete name and mailing address are: Canna and Canna, Ltd., 10703 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois. The firm's federal tax identification number is 36-3684857, and our principal place of business is 10703 West 159th Street, Orland Park, Illinois.

This proposal was prepared by Thomas Canna (attorney) and Dawn Hinkle (attorney). If you have questions regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hinkle at (708) 349-2772 or dawn hinkle@cannalaw.com.

Our services would be billed at the rate of \$225 per hour. We bill monthly, on an itemized basis, to the quarter hour (including telephone inquiries). Generally we do not operate on a retainer basis for our school clients, but we have done so in the past at the request of particular boards, for telephone calls, etc.

We have assisted various school districts in withdrawing from special education cooperatives, including Community Consolidated School District No. 181 in its withdrawal from LADSE. In addition, Dawn Hinkle has extensive experience with special education matters, including general special education law and due process proceedings. The remaining information requested in the RFP is set forth in the attached firm resume.

We would be pleased to interview with the Board, if requested. Thank you for your interest in our firm.

Sincerely,

PHOMAS J. CANNA

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FIRM RESUME

SCHOOL LAW PRACTICE

The firm is engaged in the general practice of law with substantial emphasis on representation of public school districts and other public bodies.

The firm has represented Illinois public school districts in a wide variety of legal matters, including:

- Defense of civil rights litigation, including race, sex, age and disability discrimination, First Amendment free speech claims, lay-off of union employees and due process issues;
- Dismissal, discharge and suspension of personnel;
- Evaluation and remediation plans;
- Labor relations and collective bargaining, both traditional and interest-based;
- Grievance/arbitration and IELRB election and unfair labor practice proceedings;
- School finance, voted, non-voted and limited tax bonds, warrants, notes, tax objections and tax assessment hearings;
- Sale and acquisition of property, tax division and exemption proceedings;
- Architect, construction manager, and construction contracts/litigation;
- Review and development of bid specifications, leases and contract documents;
- Detachment, annexation and consolidation proceedings;
- Referenda for increased tax rate and bond authority and related election matters;
- Review and revision of board policies and regulations;
- Liability, property, medical and other insurance programs;
- Special education, due process hearings, and cooperative matters;
- Tax abatement negotiations and agreements;
- Tax increment financing districts.

The firm has extensive experience in litigation of school matters, including injunctions, civil rights and employment litigation in the Illinois and Federal courts, as well as Federal and State administrative agencies, including various regional boards of school trustees, representation and unfair labor practice proceedings before the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board, and special education due process hearings. In addition, the firm has represented school districts in numerous teacher dismissal cases and arbitrations.

INSURANCE DEFENSE WORK

The firm has acted as defense counsel in litigations and administrative proceedings for various insurance companies (including Indiana Insurance, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Tudor Insurance Company, St. Paul Insurance Company, S.J. Bashen Corporation, Great American Insurance Company and General Casualty Company of Illinois) and via the School Board Legal Liability Program offered by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois also has appointed the firm to act as counsel in civil rights and employment litigation.

ATTORNEYS

JOHN F. CANNA

Mr. Canna's principal areas of practice are in school, municipal and private and public sector labor relations law, and related litigation.

Mr. Canna is a charter member of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and the Council of School Attorneys of the National Association of School Boards. He is a past member of the Education Law Section Council of the Illinois State Bar Association and a past member of the School Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. He also has been a member attorney of the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation.

Mr. Canna has been an instructor in school law for Western Illinois University and in labor law for Prairie State College. He has lectured in school legal matters for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education and at institute and inservice programs for teachers, administrators and school board members. He is a contributing author of *School Law*, 1980, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. Mr. Canna is a frequent speaker on school law issues at the conventions and conferences of the Illinois Association of School Boards and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. He regularly addresses school administrators on teacher evaluation/remediation.

Mr. Canna has served as Special Assistant Attorney General of the State of Illinois and Special Assistant State's Attorney. He is a member of the Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is licensed to practice before Illinois and Federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Canna is a 1974 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree in 1977 from Northwestern University School of Law.

THOMAS J. CANNA

Mr. Canna's principal areas of practice are school and public library law. He also has extensive experience in residential and commercial real estate—including real estate development, estate planning, probate, general and limited partnership law, commercial real estate development, zoning, business transactions, creditor collection work and commercial leases.

Mr. Canna is a member of the American Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the Illinois Council of School Attorneys. Mr. Canna has lectured in School Law at the DePaul University College of Law, Constitutional Law at Thornton Community College and Labor Law at Prairie State College. He is a contributing author of *School Law*, 1980, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He is a member of the Trial Bar of the U.S. District Court for the

Northern District of Illinois and the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and has been appointed by the U.S. District Court to represent pro-bono litigants on several occasions. He is licensed to practice before Illinois and Federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Canna is a 1978 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree in 1981 from DePaul University College of Law.

Mr. Canna served as a member and past President of the Board of Commissioners of the Mokena Community Park District for over ten years. He also serves as President of the Winterset Condominium Association.

DAWN M. HINKLE

Ms. Hinkle's principal areas of practice are in school law, special education law, employment law, litigation, and public sector labor relations law. Ms. Hinkle regularly presents on school legal matters to teachers and school administrators.

Ms. Hinkle is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Council of School Attorneys. She is licensed to practice before Illinois and Federal courts, including the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. In addition, Ms. Hinkle has served as a Special Assistant State's Attorney.

Ms. Hinkle is a 1991 graduate of Carleton College of Minnesota and received her law degree in 1994 from Northwestern University School of Law.

JOSHUA R. RUNNELS

Mr. Runnels' principal areas of practice are in civil litigation and school law. Mr. Runnels is licensed to practice in Illinois and is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Runnels is a 2003 graduate of Washington University of Missouri and received his law degree in 2006 from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

CLIENTS OF THE FIRM

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS (General)

Bensenville Elementary School District No. 2 Bensenville, Illinois

Manteno Community Unit School District No. 5 Manteno, Illinois

Marquardt School District No. 15 Glendale Heights, Illinois

Streator Township High School District No. 40 Streator, Illinois

Mt. Vernon City Schools, District No. 80 Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Schiller Park School District No. 81 Schiller Park, Illinois

Fairmont School District No. 89 Lockport, Illinois

Lockport Elementary School District No. 91 Will County

Community Consolidated School District No. 93 Carol Stream, Illinois

Minooka Community High School District No. 111 Grundy, Kendall and Will Counties

South Holland School District No. 151 Cook County

Indian Prairie Community Unit School District No. 204 Aurora, Naperville, Illinois

Philip J. Rock Center and School Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Sauk Village, Illinois

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS (Special Matters)

Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1 Jasper County

Glenbard Township High School District No. 87 DuPage County

Community Consolidated School District No. 89 DuPage County

Community Unit School District No. 95 Lake Zurich, Illinois

Frankfort School District No. 157-C Frankfort, Illinois

Community Consolidated School District No. 181 Burr Ridge, Illinois

Minooka Community Consolidated School District No. 201 Grundy, Kendall and Will Counties

Thornton Township High School District No. 205 Thornton, Illinois

West Central Community Unit School District No. 235 Biggsville, Illinois

Dallas Community Unit School District No. 336 Hancock County

City of Chicago Heights Cook County

City of Fairfield Wayne County

City of Morris Grundy County

County of Grundy

Oak Forest Park District Cook County

REFERENCES

Administrators

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Dr. William Shields, Superintendent, Community Consolidated, District No. 93, DuPage County, Box 88093, Carol Stream, IL 60188, (630) 539-3000

Dr. Kathryn Birkett, Superintendent, Indian Prairie Community Unit School District No. 204, P.O. Box 3990, Naperville, IL 60567 (630) 375-3010

Dr. Douglas Hamilton, Superintendent, School District No. 151, 525 East 162nd Street, South Holland, IL 60473, (708) 339-1516

Dr. Michael Green, Superintendent, Mt. Vernon City Schools, 2710 North Street, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864, (618) 244-8080

Mayor Richard Kopczick, City of Morris, 320 Wauponsee St., Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-0103

Board Members

Ms. Susan Argentine, President, Board of Education, Marquardt School District No. 15, 1332 Leslie Lane, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

Mr. Mark Metzger, Past President, Board of Education, Indian Prairie Community Unit School District No. 204, 34 West Chicago Avenue, Suite B, Naperville, IL 60540

Mr. Larry Larson, Past President, Board of Education, Minooka Community High School District No. 111, P.O. Box 401, Minooka, IL 60447

Mr. Anthony Cicero, President, Board of Education, Community Consolidated School District No. 93, P.O. Box 88093, Carol Stream, IL 60188

Board Member phone numbers and additional Board Member references available upon request.

Others

Dr. Lawrence J. Golden, Superintendent (Retired), Marquardt School District No. 15, DuPage County, 710 West Peregrine Drive, Palatine, IL 60067, (630) 295-4590

Dr. James G. Erickson, Superintendent (Retired), Keeneyville School District No. 20, 103 White Oak Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-0366

Dr. Hank Gmitro, Superintendent (Retired), Community Consolidated School District No. 93, DuPage County, Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., 1151 Waukegan Road, Suite 200, Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 724-8465

Dr. Howard Crouse, Superintendent (Retired), Indian Prairie Community Unit School District No. 204, DuPage County, 724 Cardigan Court, Naperville, IL 60565-1202, (630) 983-0125

Legal Services Interviews Tally Sheet

Scale 1-4 (1 being the lowest and 4 being the highest)

Name of Firm	Request for	Oral	Response to	Experience with	Total
	Proposal (RFP)	Presentation	Questions	Special	
				Education	
Mickey, Wilson, Weiler, Renzi and					
Andersson, P.C.					
Canna and Canna Ltd.					