

**Browerville Public Schools  
NEWS RELEASE**

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**Browerville Public Schools Lobby for Funding in Current Legislative Session**

As many of you are aware, very soon after the Browerville High School roof collapsed last April, the Browerville School District immediately started working with lobbyists and Representatives Utke and Weiner to aggressively attempt to secure funding in the 2023 Legislative Session. However, due to timing, the District, was unable to secure financial support as many of the bills had advanced.

On June 16, 2023, the district applied for funding through the 2024 bonding bill and on August 17, was one stop out of twenty on the Senate Bonding tour. While the district requested the full replacement value, the potential 2024 statute required a 50 percent match from the community and the district's successful November 7 election retroactively meets this requirement.

While passing a successful referendum meets the requirement for potential funding, the district lobbying efforts continue in the current legislative session to obtain funding to support our rebuild. This funding would decrease the tax burden approved by voters in last years election.

**Action Needed:**

For those interested in assisting in the district' lobbying efforts, please use the following list to contact legislators by phone or email, and reference House File 3295 for the House members and Senate File 3320 for the Senators.

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