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To: Dr. Joe A. Hairston, Superintendent

From: Donald F. Krempel, Ph.D., Executive Director of Facilities

Re: Emergency Chiller Replacements – Pine Grove Middle School

The chillers at Pine Grove Middle School were constructed in 1974 and replacement for these chillers was originally scheduled under the Major Maintenance Renovation Program. This 29 year-old system, like many similar systems throughout our middle schools, was at the end of its useful life and was a high and constant maintenance item. The chillers have recently failed and can no longer be repaired. Pine Grove Middle School is a “sealed” school and totally dependent upon these chillers for cooling. Without operational chillers, Pine Grove Middle will be forced to close in late April 2003.

Declaring an emergency, the Department of Physical Facilities solicited bids from our “on-call” mechanical contractors in order to complete replacement in time for the upcoming cooling season. The Office of Purchasing supervised an abbreviated bidding process using “on-call” contractors.

The Department of Facilities recommends an award of this emergency contract to our “on-call” contractor, Dynastics, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$163,000.00. In addition, we request a 10% contingency allocation in the amount of \$16,300.00 to cover any unforeseen items. Funding for this work will be made available through Capital Budget Project #665. These funds will be replaced within this current budget year by savings experienced in other projects.

We plan to share this information with the Board at the March 11, 2003 Building Committee Meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at 6435.

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c Mr. J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services
Mr. Richard Gay, Purchasing Manager