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Friday Memo

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Happy Friday, I hope you've all had a great week!

As we continue efforts to improve our operations and build efficiencies, work is progressing with the exploration and implementation of a new program management software. Staff has had a great opportunity to discover or implement new efficiencies in our work flow that will make our work more effective. From streamlining paperwork to review of new products, we'll be finding many new ways to enhance our operation over the next year.

Yesterday I had the privilege to speak before the State Allocation Board at the State Capitol, and voice opposition to the governor's idea to eliminate the application process that school districts use to get in line for state bond funding. While the state has not issued bond funding in recent years, it is our viewpoint that our team should be able to make an application for qualifying projects so that a.) the state has an inventory of eligible projects and b.) the state can set a priority for eligible projects by application date for when funding does become available. I'll be monitoring this issue as it moves forward and will report back when a decision is made.

I've also been active in opposing Assembly Bill 3018 that would set new skilled and trained workforce requirements on government contracts. Certainly, all of our contractors and subcontractors must hire skilled and trained employees, however, the reporting requirements in this bill would be extremely onerous and would result in costly discontinuity on projects. If you'd like to read more about the bill, [click here](#).

I hope everyone is having a great summer as we continue to stay busy on the many projects throughout the district. The next Friday memo will be issued in early August, and we will meet for our Bond Oversight Committee meeting on Aug. 21.

Have a great weekend,

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