



June 30, 2026

Dr. Jennifer Martin-Green  
Superintendent of Schools  
Southfield Public School District  
24661 Lahser Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

**RE: Southfield Public Schools  
Summer 2026 Additional Contingency Authorization Request**

Dear Dr. Green,

The Bond Team (BMB, PMR, French Associates, and SPS) has reviewed all current project contingency balances in preparation for this summer's work. The contingency funds for interior projects at Thompson (BP 16), Birney (BP 17), and Levey (BP 18) are strong, and we don't expect to use them completely. Instead, we anticipate returning remaining funds to the bond once these projects are finished.

Our main concern lies with site work at Thompson (BP 42), Levey (BP 43), and Adler (BP 45). Birney's site work (BP 44) is nearly finished, and no further funds should be needed beyond the current contingency.

**Adler** - Adler's site work has a minimal contingency of \$18,900. While major changes aren't expected, we prefer to remain cautious due to the unpredictable nature of site work.

**Thompson** - Delayed delivery of the underground drainage system pushed the start date from May 1 to June 15. There is currently \$197,032 in contingency and \$30,000 in allowance. We are concerned about possible soil stabilization issues that could require additional undercutting.

**Levey** - Recently, we identified an issue with the water table, necessitating substantial dewatering and re-routing of the sanitary sewer system. Although \$139,000 is available in contingency, the estimated cost for these tasks is around \$100,000. As at Thompson, there's also a risk of unanticipated soil stabilization work.

We request authorization for an additional \$400,000 to address any unforeseen issues during the Board of Education's summer break. A detailed report on any expenditures will be provided at the next board meeting in August. Any unused funds will be returned to the bond.

If you have questions or comments about this proposal, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelli Ferguson  
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Barton Malow Builders

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