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Dear Senate and House Education Chairs:

Enclosed please find the report required to be sent to you pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 473.757, subdivision 2, relating to the uses of excess sales tax revenues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Lawless'.

David Lawless,
Director of Budget and Finance

Cc: Hennepin County Board of Commissioners

Attachment

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. SECTION 473.757, SUBD. 2

Background

Minn. Stat. section 473.757, subd. 2 authorizes Hennepin County, by resolution, to make certain expenditures for increased library hours and youth activities and youth and amateur sports from excess revenues, if any, from the sales tax enacted for the new Twins ballpark. The same legislation also requires Hennepin County to make a report every two years thereafter describing any such uses of the money. The report must be made to the chairs of the committees and budget divisions in the Senate and House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over education policy and funding.

Report for 2015 and 2016

The plans for both additional library hours and youth activities and amateur sports are designed to be financially sustainable in order to ensure the stability and longevity of both programs. Since the 1.5 percent growth factor provided for in the legislation is not sufficient to cover reasonably anticipated increases in annual operating costs, the plans adopted by the Board use some of the funds for a reserve to assure that the programs are financially sustainable for at least nine years.

The additional library hours program supplements library hours across the county. In 2015, the program included 17 libraries for a total of 100 supplemented hours per week. In 2016, the program included 17 libraries for a total of 100 supplemental hours per week. The Libraries are listed below by name:

2015 Libraries with Additional Hours:	
Augsburg Park	Maple Grove
Brookdale	Minneapolis Central
Brooklyn Park	North Regional
East Lake	Penn Lake
Eden Prairie	Plymouth
Edina	Rockford Road
Golden Valley	Rogers
Hopkins	Saint Louis Park
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2016 Libraries with Additional Hours:	
Augsburg Park	Maple Grove
Brookdale	Minneapolis Central
Brooklyn Park	North Regional
East Lake	Penn Lake
Eden Prairie	Plymouth
Edina	Rockford Road
Golden Valley	Rogers
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The funds used to supplement youth activities and amateur sports in 2015 and 2016 are noted below:

2015 Youth Activities and Amateur Sports Awards:

Anoka-Henn Schools - ISD 11	City of Maple Grove	Intermediate District 287
Brooklyn Center ISD #286	City of Minneapolis	Minneapolis Public Schools
City of Bloomington	City of Minnetrista	Minnetonka ISD 276
City of Brooklyn Center	City of New Hope	Mpls Parks and Rec
City of Brooklyn Park	City of Richfield	Richfield Public Schools
City of Crystal	City of Robbinsdale	Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281
City of Deephaven	City of Rogers	St. Louis Park ISD 283
City of Eden Prairie	City of St. Louis Park	Three Rivers Park District
City of Golden Valley	Eden Prairie ISD 272	
City of Loretto	Hopkins ISD 270	

2016 Youth Activities and Amateur Sports Awards:

City of Bloomington	City of Plymouth	ISD 277 Westonka Schools
City of Brooklyn Center	City of Richfield	ISD 279 Osseo Area Schools
City of Brooklyn Park	City of Robbinsdale	ISD 282 St. Anthony-New Brighton
City of Champlin	City of Saint Bonifacius	ISD 286 Brooklyn Center Schools
City of Crystal	City of Saint Louis Park	Minneapolis Public Schools
City of Dayton	City of Shorewood	Mpls Park and Rec Board
City of Eden Prairie	City of Spring Park	Richfield Public Schools
City of Greenfield	City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach	Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281
City of Long Lake	City of Wayzata	Three Rivers Park District
City of Loretto	Elk River Area Schools ISD 728	USA Swimming Foundation
City of Minnetonka	Intermediate School District #287	