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Dear Members of the Revenue Committee:

The Elkhorn Public Schools District submits this letter in opposition to LB 1063. We request that this letter be made a part of the public record.

LB 1063 would change statutes regarding the use and levy for the Special Building Fund.

Elkhorn Public Schools provides space for children throughout the District. Many tend to settle in houses. Although a house can be built in as little as 6 months, a elementary school if the design is already completed. The purpose of the District to utilize the Special Building Fund to purchase relocatable classrooms, acquire land and any new projects not anticipated prior to the effective date of this bill. Given that the relocatable classrooms are needed to bridge the gap between current classroom space and the additional classroom space approved in the bond election, this additional election, and the associated additional cost, seems redundant and a waste of taxpayer dollars that should be going to educating kids.

Elkhorn Public Schools provides regular updates of how the monies in the building fund are being spent. This is accomplished in depth at our June and August board meetings in budget presentations, highlighted in the management discussion portion of the annual audit report which is posted to our District website, and monthly board reports that show all outflows from each fund.

Sincerely,

Bary Habrock
Superintendent

Heather Shepard
Chief Financial Officer