

## OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Honorable Pat Roberts United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Roberts:

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) has approved a grant for \$35,247,240 to Geary County Unified School District 475, Junction City, Kansas. This grant funds a project to address capacity and facility condition deficiencies, as determined by the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List," at Fort Riley Middle School on Fort Riley, Kansas.

Funding and authority for this grant is provided by the DoD and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10, Section 8109), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. 112-74, Section 8118). A similar letter is being sent to Senator Jerry Moran, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, and Congressman Tim Huelskamp.

If you have questions or would like additional information regarding this matter, please contact OEA's Project Manager for this effort, Mr. David L. Jones, at (703) 697-2092 or <a href="mailto:david.jones@wso.whs.mil">david.jones@wso.whs.mil</a>.

Sincerely,

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Director

Office of Economic Adjustment

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DoD Approves a \$35,247,240 Grant to Geary County Unified School District # 475, Junction City, Kansas, to Replace a School on Fort Riley

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced today a \$35,247,240 Grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to Geary County Unified School District # 475, Junction City, Kansas, to replace the Fort Riley Middle School on Fort Riley, Kansas.

Geary County Unified School District # 475 will manage a \$41,961,000 project, consisting of \$35,247,240 grant funds and a non-Federal share of \$6,713,760 from the school district, to demolish and replace the existing Fort Riley Middle School with a new 720-student middle school on Fort Riley serving grades six through eight. This award will remedy capacity and facility condition deficiencies that placed Fort Riley Middle School as the seventh school on the July 2011 Deputy Secretary of Defense "Public Schools on Military Installations Priority List" (Priority List). Geary County Unified School District # 475 currently leases land from the Army for its Fort Riley schools, and will own, operate, and maintain the newly constructed school. This well-established relationship will help to ensure the success of the project.

The school funding is from the \$500 million program authorized by Section 8109 of Public Law 112-10, the DoD and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, and Section 8118 of Public Law 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012, to construct, renovate, repair or expand public schools located on military installations. OEA, in making the school funds available, must give priority consideration to those military installations with schools having the most serious capacity or facility condition deficiencies, as determined by the Priority List. A multi-disciplined Federal Evaluation Team, with membership from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Military Services, U.S. Department of Education, and OEA reviewed the school project to ensure the award appropriately addresses the noted capacity and facility condition deficiencies.

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