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Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

As you are probably aware by now, on Monday night The South Bend Common Council will vote on whether or not to approve Mayor Luecke's capital spending budget. The city has the funds available to make these expenditures. This is a capital budget vote, so these funds eventually will get spent on capital improvements in the city, they will never be used for police, fireman, or teachers' salaries. Part of this current budget proposal includes \$1.2 million to acquire the Family Dollar Store along LaSalle Street and gifting it to Saint Joseph's High School. This price includes the cost of the building and compensating the owners for the existing 25 year lease with Family Dollar. We have been working with the Mayor's office for several months on this aspect of our new school project. If Mayor Luecke's budget is rejected, essentially it will add an additional \$1.2 million to our campaign plus what constructions costs are added to the project due to the delay in acquiring that piece of land.

You can help us ensure a positive outcome for the City and for Saint Joseph's High School, by communicating your approval of Mayor Luecke's proposal to the members of the South Bend Common Council. *Attached is a one-page document summarizing the benefits of this project for the City of South Bend*. CLICK HERE TO VIEW THIS DOCUMENT. Please use as few or as many of these points as you feel comfortable with in your communication with the council members. Thank you for help in this important matter.

God Bless,

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