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### Unit 9 Grant Update October 2021

The Unit 9 Board of Education would like to share an update on the status of our FEMA grant process. In August we shared that our 2020 BRIC application was not selected to receive the 2020 BRIC grant funds. After reviewing feedback, the Board decided to submit a 2021 BRIC grant application. The Board hired Gilbane Building Company, for an amount not to exceed \$34,920 to assist with the BRIC 2021 application process. Gilbane, a company the district has already vetted in anticipation of utilizing as a construction management firm for our future project, brings significant experience to federal grant writing along with a department that works exclusively with FEMA. The Board felt this investment would improve our application by leveraging their history, relationships and technical expertise to give Unit 9 our best chance in being awarded the grant next year.

On September 30th, with the assistance of Gilbane, our BRIC 2021 pre application was submitted for review. This is the first of many steps to this grant process. If Unit 9 receives the approval for the 2021 BRIC grant funds next year, the referendum which passed in April 2021 will provide the matching district funds necessary for the project. The Board encourages community members to contact our state and federal legislators and let them know the importance of this grant, and the opportunities it can bring to our community.

We will continue to provide updates as we transition through the many phases of this application process. We thank the community for your ongoing support and look forward to proceeding with our proposed plans to build a single Unit 9 campus.