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IOWA BRAILLE AND SIGHT SAVING SCHOOL STORM RECOVERY / RESTORATION

Action Requested: Receive the report on severe weather damage restoration activities to date.

Executive Summary: In the early morning hours of July 11, 2011, a straight line wind storm came through the Benton county area causing damage to all but one building on the Iowa Braille School's campus, as well as to the grounds.

While there was roof damage and broken windows to most buildings, Old Main and the Cottage suffered extensive damage.

Since 1994, the School has carried property insurance on its facilities with a \$1 million deductible.

On August 24, 2011, President Obama, at the request of Governor Branstad, declared this storm affecting a six county area to be a Major Disaster for Public Assistance, qualifying the clean-up / repair / restoration of the facilities for federal assistance through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

FEMA eligibility will allow for recovering 75% of eligible costs outside the coverage of insurance, which does not cover debris removal.

On October 27, 2011, the Iowa Braille School requested and received permission from the Board of Regents, State of Iowa to proceed with restoration of the facilities and grounds damaged as a result of the storm.

To date, expenditures for clean-up / repair total \$1.4 million; estimated additional costs total \$3.6 million.

Damage to the Cottage has been corrected and the building re-occupied.

The major component of the estimated additional costs is the permanent replacement of the Old Main roof, which is likely to be bid later in the spring.

The Board's FY 2013 capital request includes funds needed to address storm damage at the School.

Superintendent Clancy will provide to the Board, at its February 2012 meeting, a status report on the restoration efforts.