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Here are a few highlights over the past month:

- Since my last report, Marklund has received **\$1.5M** from the State of Illinois. Our aging for Residential and Developmental Training, through January stands at \$2.7M. We currently have our entire **\$7M** line of credit available.

The new **MCDD reimbursement rate** will take effect on April 1. This new rate, when fully implemented in FY20, will provide approximately \$2.5M - \$3M (depending on the census and acuity levels) in additional reimbursement as compared to FY18. As we have discussed, we are planning to earmark \$1M/year for capital projects, subject to annual review by the Board.

- Please take the time to fill out the **annual board survey** that Mary emailed to you yesterday. The Governance Committee will review the results at their meeting in March and make their report at the April board meeting. The survey is anonymous. Just in case you missed it, here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPZMGC3>

It would be appreciated if you could complete the survey by Feb 14. Thank you!

- Our third annual ***Voice of the Employee*** survey will be going out next week. We are very excited to see if the Retention program has had the positive effect that we anticipate it is having on the organization. I will share the findings at our April board meeting.
- The **capital campaign** has made a great start. As was reported by **Frank** at the board meeting, we are currently at **\$1.810M** with just over half of the board responding so far. I want to thank all of you who have already made your decision. Our goal is to be at \$2.35M by our April board meeting. I hope that many of you, besides your own personal gift, will have individuals whom you feel might be open to be approached about the school expansion. I have attached the latest – email friendly – brochure, which includes the third floor that was approved by the board last week.

**Duane** will be briefly sharing the school expansion at Top Hat this weekend. We are still in the “quiet” phase of the campaign but feel there will definitely be people at Top Hat who could have an interest. The plan is to go “public” once we hit the \$4.5M mark by September. The goal of the campaign is \$6.0M.

- We put in an offer for the 3.5 acre, improved parcel in Elgin (3256 Longcommon Pkwy) as a potential **CILA** site. The property is south of 20, just west of S. Randall and next to Elgin Fire Station #7. The parcel has seven, half acre sites. The property has been listed for about a year. I spoke to the civil engineer at Manhard who did the site survey. He said that being next to the first station (an advantage to us for emergency services) is a detriment to other potential buyers. He also said that the site is too small for a big builder but too big for a small builder. Perfect for Marklund!
- Our plan to build the **school expansion** on the Geneva campus will require a change to the original PUD (Planned Use Development) approved in 2002. This change will require us to submit an Application for a Zoning Amendment to Kane County which will start a four month process of review and public hearings. The county staff has been very helpful and we do not anticipate there being any issues with receiving the approval. We are still waiting on some information from the county but plan to get it submitted by early next week.

- Governor Pritzker is pushing a **\$15/hour minimum wage** that he would like to sign prior to his February 20 budget address. It would be a gradual rise that would be fully implemented by 2025. There seems to be some push back to slow the process down.
- I will be attending the Illinois Health Care Association **Public Policy Forum** in Springfield on March 27. It will involve a number of speakers in the morning and then afternoon meetings with our state legislators. Lois Sheaffer and Mary Kobbeman will also be attending.
- Just as a reminder, here are the remaining **Board dates** for **2019**: **April 4**, May 23 (Finance only), **June 27**, August 16 (Board Retreat), **October 24**.

Thank you for all you do to *make everyday life possible for individuals with profound disabilities*.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Top Hat tomorrow.

God bless you!

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