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Madam Chair and members of the committee:

Thank you for taking the time to consider my written testimony in support of SB 465. USD 507 currently has several projects to improve school security and accessibility, including installing a key fob system to better control access to the school buildings and remodeling gym bleachers to make them ADA compliant. Although we have applied for a number of grants for these projects, we have been unable to secure adequate funding. As it stands, we simply do not have the funds in Capital Outlay to fund these projects along with all of our other facilities maintenance and improvements. As a result, these security and accessibility projects remain on the backburner.

I don't know that USD 507 would choose to levy additional mills; however, this bill would at least give us the option. For this reason, we stand in support of SB 465.

Respectfully,

Karen Burrows USD 507 Superintendent