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To: The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From: Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Date: November 14, 2025
Subject: Recommendation to Approve the Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant

As part of the FY2026 State of Illinois Budget approved this past spring, \$42M was appropriated to ISBE for the Illinois School Maintenance Projects Grant Program (ISBE released details in mid-October). For these grants, the application window opened on October 15th. Each school district that applies to IWAS by January 30th is eligible for up to a \$50,000 matching grant for various school maintenance projects, including 1) emergency maintenance projects; 2) approved health, life, safety projects; 3) State priority projects; 4) permanent improvement projects, or 5) other approved maintenance projects. Board approval to participate in the program and identify the project(s) and local funding source must be obtained prior to applying for the grant. Funds will be disbursed at the time of awarding, and the projects must be completed within 18 months of approval. All expenditure reporting, updating, monitoring, and grant closure will occur in IWAS.

We received identical \$50K grant allocations in fiscal years 2020-2025. We presented this information for discussion in October and are now seeking formal Board approval so we can complete the application process and file the grant request before the January 30th deadline. We are recommending applying for a \$50,000 grant to help cover the cost of upcoming bathroom renovations occurring at Goodrich Elementary School next summer (a permanent improvement project, as defined above). We expect to receive approval of this grant application in December or January, and the local matching funds will come from the Capital Projects Fund. Please see the attached information, and as always, please let me know if you have any questions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board approve the attached Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant application for FY 2026 as described above and direct the Administration to apply for this \$50,000 matching grant. The grant would be used to pay for bathroom renovations at Goodrich Elementary School, with matching funds coming from the district's Capital Projects Fund.