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To: Donna Oberg
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Subject: Illinois State Board of Education – School Energy Efficiency Grant and School Maintenance Project Grant Applications
Date: November 6, 2013

I would like to request from the Geneva CUSD #304 School Board, authorization and approval to prepare and submit the applications for Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) School Energy Efficiency Project Grant (SEEG) and School Maintenance Project Grant.

The School Energy Efficiency Project Grant is being awarded to any Local Educational Agency based upon the highest to lowest level of need index. The need index is determined by a formula that incorporates Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and the best three Month Average Daily Attendance of the district in comparison to other districts of that type. The definition of the Energy Efficiency Project Grant includes, "improvement, repair alteration, or betterment of any building or facility owned or operated by an eligible applicant." Grants can request up to the full amount of \$250,000 and the applicant will provide local matching funds equal to the amount awarded.

The School Maintenance Project Grant is part of the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Program. This grant can be awarded to any school district, cooperative high schools or Type 40 vocational centers. Each application must be submitted under one of the five priority levels of Emergency Projects, Health/Life Safety, State Priority, Permanent Improvement or Other Projects. Applications are limited to one project; however, we may submit more than one application. A district will be awarded only one grant per round. It is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to \$50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings used for educational purposes.

I am recommending authorization to submit these ISBE grant applications to help fund energy and maintenance projects.