WOODRIDGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

memo

To:	The Board of Education and Dr. Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
From:	Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO
Date:	October 23, 2026
Subject:	FY27 Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant Discussion

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As part of the FY2026-2027 State of Illinois Budget, approved this past spring, $40M was again appropriated to ISBE for the Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant Program (details were released by ISBE on October 5th). For these grants, the application window opened on Monday October 5th and each school district has until Friday January 29th to apply for the grant in IWAS. School Districts are eligible for up to $50,000 of a 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(s) 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 closing of the grants will occur in IWAS.

We received an identical $50,000 grant in FY2017, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026. We are presenting this information for discussion in October and then we will ask for formal approval in November, so we can complete the application and file the grant request before the January 29th deadline. We will be recommending to the Board to apply for the grant to help pay for Bathroom Renovations at Willow Creek Elementary School that will be occurring next summer (permanent improvement projects that fall under Category 4, as described above). We fully expect to receive approval of this grant application from ISBE and the matching District 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. Thank you.