River Trails
SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Finance Committee
From: Ryan Berry
Date: November 2, 2026
Subject: FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant

Introduction

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has made available a new $50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant in FY2027. School districts are required to match funds with the state.

Recommendation

The district recommends that the Board authorize the submission of the application for the ISBE School Maintenance Program Grant.

Background

The state has determined the following priority for awarding grant money:

1. Emergency Projects
2. Health/Life Safety
3. State Priority Projects – the state priority projects include projects that will result in energy conservation/savings
4. Permanent Improvement Projects
5. Other

The district would like to submit a State Priority Project to install new windows and doors for energy conservation at Indian Grove School.

Total project cost	$ 150,000
Less grant funds	$ 50,000
Balance to paid by district	$ 100,000

Matching district funds for this project will come from the Capital Projects fund. The total project cost of $150,000 is an estimated cost as the project has not been finalized. All projects must be completed within 2 years of receipt of the grant.

Timeline and Next Steps (if needed)

The Board must authorize the submission of the application. The deadline for submitting an application for this grant is December 15, 2026.