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:	November 13, 2026
Subject:	Recommendation to Approve the Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant

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As part of the FY2027 State of Illinois Budget approved this past spring, $42M was appropriated to ISBE for the Illinois School Maintenance Projects Grant Program (details were released by ISBE in early October). For these grants, the application window opened on October 5th and each school district who applies in 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 closing of the grants will occur in IWAS.

We received identical $50K grant allocations in fiscal years 2020-2026. We presented this information for discussion in October and are now asking for 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 Sipley 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 2027 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 Sipley Elementary School with matching funds coming from the district's Capital Projects Fund.