FOR ACTION

Lisle Community Unit School Dist. No. 202
Board of Education Meeting
November 23, 2026

SUBJECT: FY2027 School Maintenance Project Grant

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board authorize submission of the School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) application for the replacement and repair of exterior doors, frames, and hardware at Lisle Junior High School and Lisle High School, and reserve $50,000 in local funds for the District's matching portion.

BACKGROUND DATA: The School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that provides awards of up to $50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Any school district is eligible to apply for the grant. The FY2027 application period is open until 4 p.m. on January 29, 2027.

A project may involve different types of work on a single building or structure, or may involve a single type of work on several buildings or structures. There is no limit to the cost of a project; however, grant awards shall not exceed $50,000. Applicants must provide a local match equal to the amount requested. Ongoing operational costs, including in-house labor for projects not contracted out, cannot be included. Districts must not begin work or obligate funds for the projects listed in the application prior to submission of the application in IWAS.

Submission of the application does not guarantee a grant will be approved or awarded. Within each round, grants are awarded in order of the five priorities established in School Construction Law: 1) Emergency projects, 2) Health/life safety projects, 3) State priority projects, 4) Permanent improvement projects, and 5) Other projects. Applications in the priority level where funds run out are ranked and awarded by the district's need index within that priority level.

For FY2027, the District is requesting a $50,000 matching grant for the replacement and repair of exterior doors at Lisle Junior High School and Lisle High School. Many of the existing exterior doors are at the end of their useful life. Many show significant rust, some allow water to leak into the building (primarily at the high school), and others have gaps that allow cold air in during the winter. The project includes replacing and/or repairing exterior doors, frames, and door hardware. At the junior high school, the project may also include replacing lock cylinders and cores, including at doors that are not otherwise being replaced, to improve the keying of the building. The District has received a budgetary quote of $47,343 for eight junior high school openings and plans to add doors at both schools to bring the total project cost to at least $100,000. The final scope of work will be determined by the condition of each door and the bids received. The project will be submitted as a Permanent Improvement project.

All SMPG project expenses must be incurred or legally obligated within two years of the State's disbursement of grant funds. A final expenditure report is due within 20 calendar days after the project is completed. If actual project expenditures are less than expected, the District must refund any grant funds in excess of 50 percent of actual project expenditures.

The Board of Education must authorize the School Maintenance Project Grant application at a duly convened meeting prior to submission. The Board must also reserve local funds for the District's matching portion. No work on the projects listed in the application has been started.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: If approved, the District will receive a $50,000 matching grant from the State to support the replacement and repair of exterior doors at Lisle Junior High School and Lisle High School. The District's $50,000 local match will be reserved from the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 60) balance. Total project cost is expected to be at least $100,000, and any cost above that amount will be the responsibility of the District. If actual project costs are less than $100,000, the grant will be reduced to 50 percent of actual costs.

SUGGESTED MOTION: That the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing submission of the FY2027 School Maintenance Project Grant application for the replacement and repair of exterior doors, frames, and hardware at Lisle Junior High School and Lisle High School, and reserve $50,000 from the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 60) balance for the District's local matching share.