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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: December 9, 2025
Re: School Building Maintenance Project Grant

We are seeking approval to apply for the Fiscal Year 2026 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant through the Illinois State Board of Education. The application period is open through 4 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2026, and must be submitted through the School Maintenance Project Grants system accessed via IWAS by the January 30th deadline.

This grant is a competitive dollar-for-dollar state matching program that provides awards up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Applicants must provide a local match equal to the grant amount requested and submission of a grant application does not guarantee funding.

Staff recommends that the funding be used for the Building Automation System (BAS) Replacement Project at the Rock Island Center for Math and Science (RICMS). The project is anticipated to be bid and awarded in the spring, with work completed over the summer.

The current cost estimate is \$105,082. This project addresses an outdated and partially functioning BAS that has led to temperature inconsistencies and inefficient heating and cooling. Since the school opened, it has relied on a fragmented system that no longer meets district standards.

Upgrading the BAS will align RICMS with districtwide technology expectations, enable full remote monitoring and scheduling capabilities, improve energy efficiency, reduce operational costs, and support a more stable and comfortable learning environment.

Per grant requirements, no work may begin prior to submission of the grant application. Once bids are received, staff will present a recommendation to the Board for approval prior to work beginning, pending final grant award. All project activities must be expended or legally obligated within two years of state disbursement.

Investment Period: SY 2025-2026
Total Investment: Approx. \$55,000
Funding Source: School Maintenance Project Grant

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