

## **Presented by Dr. Jeffrey Alstadt**

### **School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) Application**

To provide the Board of Education with an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) application process and to seek authorization to submit an application for the boiler replacement project at Kimes Elementary.

**Background and Information:** The School Maintenance Project Grant is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program administered by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). It provides state funding to assist school districts with the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and structures for educational purposes.

- The program awards a 50% match of total project costs, up to a maximum grant award of \$50,000 per grant round.
- Projects must be for maintenance or permanent improvements, such as upgrading building systems (HVAC, electrical, plumbing).

**Project Proposal:** The administration has identified the replacement of the aging boiler system at Kimes Elementary (1207 Reading Street) as the priority project for this application.

- The existing Aerco BMK 2.0 boiler is facing parts obsolescence and reliability issues due to age.
- Installation of a new, high-efficiency Weil-McLain SVF2000 boiler system. The project includes disconnecting the old unit, installing the new boiler with a primary/secondary piping configuration, and updating all necessary gas, fuel, and electrical connections.
- This will be submitted as a "Permanent Improvement Project" designed to upgrade building systems.

**Financial Impact:** The total estimated cost for the project is \$98,175.00.

- Total Project Cost: \$98,175
- Requested Grant Amount (50%): \$49,088
- District Local Match (50%): \$49,087

**Statutory Requirements for Submission:** To submit a compliant application, the Board of Education is required to take specific actions prior to submission in the IWAS system:

- The Board must formally authorize the submission of the application during a duly convened meeting.
- The Board must officially reserve the local matching funds (\$49,087) to cover the district's portion of the costs.
- The Board must certify that the district has not obligated funds or begun work on the project prior to the submission of the application.

**Administrative Recommendation:** The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the School Maintenance Project Grant application and reserving the necessary local matching funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund.