

# MEMO

**To:** Dr. Jon Bartelt and Valerie Varhalla  
School Board Members  
**From:** Marcos Rosales ,  
Director of Buildings and Grounds  
**Date:** October 19, 2023  
**Re:** School Maintenance Project Grant Program Application

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## **SITUATION:**

At the end of August 2023, the Illinois State Board of Education announced the funding for another round of statewide maintenance grants. Each school district in Illinois is eligible for up to \$50,000.00 in State funds and must match the grant with an equal amount as applied for. Grant applications must be approved by the Board of Education in order to submit the application prior to November 2023

In recent years District 13 has funded various improvement projects throughout District 13 as buildings have been aging and some construction might be on the horizon with a possible referendum, it leaves us a few options to consider to utilize the maintenance grant. One option that makes sense is upgrading our lighting at Erickson Elementary School by replacing old fluorescent lights for new LED lighting. The estimated total cost would be \$200,000 taking in consideration the grant, District 13's portion, and monetary rebate from ComEd now paying \$0.80 per wattage reduced. Upgrading would benefit our electricity consumption, rebates from ComEd, and smart controlling of unoccupied spaces with automatic sensors. This project would take place in the summer of 2024.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Bloomingdale School District 13 Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign the application for the 2024 School Maintenance Project Grant requesting the full amount of the grant, \$50,000.00, from the Illinois State Board of Education.