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**FY26 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT**

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**Background:**

The Illinois State Board of Education has made approximately \$48.4 million available for the FY 2025 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) program. The SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that will provide awards of up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes.

There is no limit on the cost of a project; however, grant awards shall not exceed \$50,000 per grant, and applicants shall provide a match from local funds equal to the requested grant amount. An applicant must not obligate funds or begin work on any of the projects listed on the application before submission of the application in IWAS. However, applying does not guarantee that a grant will be approved or awarded.

The District has applied for and received this Grant for the past two fiscal years. Last year, we applied for and received \$50,000 to supplement the locker replacement project at Benjamin Middle School. This year, the District has identified replacing casework in the 2nd-floor BMS classrooms as the work item for this year's grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the application for the FY26 School Maintenance Project Grant for submission to the Illinois State Board of Education.