

MEMORANDUM

TO: Boards of Education

FROM: Michael Gum, Director of School Business Services

DATE: July 20, 2026

SUBJECT: School District Reorganization Feasibility Study Grant Program

Section 2-3.206 of the School Code requires the Illinois State Board of Education to annually notify all school district superintendents and school boards of the availability of funding under the School District Reorganization Feasibility Study Grant Program.

For fiscal year 2027, \$80,000 has been appropriated for this program. Each study is reimbursable for up to \$16,000.

Documents and procedures for applying for the School District Reorganization Feasibility Study Grant Program are available on ISBE's School District Reorganization Feasibility Studies webpage (<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-District-Reorganization-Feasibility-Studies.aspx>). Applications will be reviewed and awarded per 23 Ill. Adm. Code 705. Please note that approval by the ROE/ISC does not guarantee that the study will be funded. A list of third-party consultants who have experience conducting feasibility studies in Illinois is included for your reference.

School districts must complete and submit the application packet to the ROE/ISC no later than **Dec. 1, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Morgan at Finance1@isbe.net or call 217-785-8779.

School District Reorganization Feasibility Study Third-Party Consultants

Pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/2-3.206, the State Board of Education is providing this list of third-party consultants who have experience conducting feasibility studies in Illinois. School districts may use the feasibility study consultant(s) of their choosing. The consultant(s) used do not have to appear on this list.

For a study to be eligible for a grant under the School District Reorganization Feasibility Study Grant Program, each third-party consultant engaged to conduct the study must meet the following minimum criteria:

- a) The consultant may not have recent (within the past year) or ongoing financial engagements with any of the school districts included in the study.
- b) Retired superintendents may not conduct a study for a district in which they were employed as a superintendent.
- c) The consultant may not be a resident of any of the districts included in the study.
- d) The consultant may not own real estate within boundaries of any of the districts included in the study.

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