



UNITED TOWNSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 30

To: Board of Education
From: Janice Roome, Comptroller
CC: Dr. Jay Morrow, Superintendent, David Bisby
Date: June 8, 2026
Re: Request permission to seek bids for electrical panel work and apply for location variance for one panel

Background Information

At the September 9, 2024 meeting the Board of Education granted permission to work with Bray Associates Architects, Inc. on closing out the remaining projects of our previous 10-year Health, Life, Safety survey. The only remaining large project is an upgrade of all of our electrical panels.

Administrative Considerations

The original survey called for upgrades of 40 panels. Because some of the panels had been upgraded as part of other projects, Brunner, Cooper, and Zuck, Inc. Engineers was hired to do an evaluation of what is still remaining. They found that 26 panels and 36 feeders require upgrades. The work will be done in phases during school breaks since electricity will need to be turned off in the areas where work is being performed. The estimated cost of these upgrades is \$861,000. (This includes construction costs for panels that need to be moved because they do not meet code in their present locations.) We would like to seek bids as soon as possible so parts of the project can be started.

The current year budget includes \$1 million for the project including architect fees. The majority will be moved to the FY27 budget.

We would also like to submit to ISBE (after ROE approval) an application for approval of a variance for the location of one electrical panel located in the boys' locker room. The National Electrical Code (NEC) of 2023 does not allow electrical panels in bathrooms. The NEC of 2026 has allowed an exception for existing buildings. The architect and engineer feel it would be safe to leave this panel in its existing location if the variance is allowed because it is around two corners and approximately 50 feet from any water source. See attached application.

Options Considered

The remaining panel upgrades are required to be made in order to complete and comply with our previous 10-year survey. That survey must be closed out before the new 10-year survey which is now due can be submitted.

Fund Source

Fire Prevention and Safety Fund

Recommendation

We recommend the Board of Education approve seeking bids and submitting the application for approval of a variance for one panel as requested.