

MEMO

To: Dr. Bartelt and
School Board Members
From: Greg Leyden,
Director of Buildings and Grounds
Date: January 14, 2020
Re: School Maintenance Project Grant Program

SITUATION:

In early December of 2019 the Illinois State Board of Education announced the release of \$44 million dollars in 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 February 14, 2020.

In recent years District 13 has self-funded parking lot reconstruction projects at Erickson and DuJardin Schools. Our Facility Master Plan indicates that major repairs to the Westfield parking lot is on the horizon. I have obtained a quote for grinding off the top layer of asphalt and replacing it with new asphalt for the entire parking lot. The quote is for \$100,000.00. However, I do anticipate that the total cost for the project may come in somewhat higher due to a few areas where some sub-base repairs will also be needed. Last week I met with administrators at the Bloomingdale Park District to gauge their ability to financially support this project as they use a significant portion of the parking lot for their programs. I am happy to report that they will be willing to support their share of the costs. If awarded the grant we could accomplish a major capital improvement for Westfield without the full amount of financial resources a project of this size would normally require. This project would take place in the summer of 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

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