

MEMO

To: Board of Education
Dr. Jon Bartelt, Superintendent

From: Marcos Rosales, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Date: October 10, 2024

Re: School Maintenance Project Grant Program Application

SITUATION:

At the middle of September 2024, the Illinois State Board of Education announced funding for another round of statewide school maintenance grants. Each school district in Illinois is eligible for up to \$50,000 in State funding which the district must match. Grant applications must be approved by the Board of Education to submit the application prior to November 2024.

In recent years, District 13 has funded various improvement projects as buildings have been aging. Additional space will be needed due to legislative requirements for full day Kindergarten for the 2027-2028 school year. This leaves the district with few options to consider utilizing the maintenance grant. The option this year as part of Life and Safety would be our most needed items in all buildings, new PA Systems for all 3 building and new cameras for Westfield Middle School and DuJardin Elementary since the systems in place are unreliable, and in the case of PA Systems parts are no longer available in case of failure. The cameras in 2 building need an upgrade due to not enough view for surveillance at key points of inside or outside perimeter of buildings for proper security of our buildings. This project would take place in the summer of 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the Board of Education of Bloomingdale School District 13 adopt the application for the 2025 School Maintenance Project Grant requesting the full amount of the grant, \$50,000 from the Illinois State Board of Education.

