

Date: January 20, 2026  
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Mr. Daniel Ulrich, Executive Director of Grants  
Dr. Michael Engel, Associate Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Chief  
Financial Officer/CSBO  
Subject: School Project Maintenance Project Grant Application for round #1 funding

**The Issue:**

The district will need assistance with the window project at Oak Park Elementary school.

**Board Policy and Past Practices:**

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:60, the Superintendent shall manage the district's purchases and contracts in accordance with State law, the standards set forth in the policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies.

**Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation supports the Strategic Goal #2, Operational Excellence that states the following: East Aurora School District 131 will align and utilize systems and resources that promote Operational Excellence, Efficiency, and Fiscal Accountability.

**Community Impact:**

n/a

**Supporting Data**

The state has opened up the project maintenance grant for districts to apply for up to \$50,000 in matching funds. Meaning that the district would need to spend \$50,000 as well for a total of \$100,000 minimum project scope to receive the full amount. The project that has been identified is the Oak Park Window Project, with an estimated cost of \$1,300,000 per Cordogan, Clark and Associates.

The application includes the actual application and identification of project scope, program specific financial assurances, certifications of assurances for the school project maintenance grant, district certifications, and tax payer identification number.

**Recommendation:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the agreement School Project Maintenance grant with ISBE.

**Timeline for Decision:**

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