

## **FOR ACTION**

### **Lisle Community Unit School Dist. No. 202 Board of Education Meeting November 24, 2025**

**SUBJECT:** FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends that the Board authorize submission of the School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) application for energy-efficiency lighting improvements at Lisle High School and Lisle Junior High School.

**BACKGROUND DATA:** The School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG) is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that provides awards of up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Any school district is eligible to apply for the grant.

A project may involve different types of work on a single building or structure, or may involve a single type of work (e.g., new lighting or mechanical improvements) on several buildings or structures. There is no limit to the cost of a project; however, grant awards shall not exceed \$50,000. Applicants must provide a local match equal to the amount requested. Districts must not begin work or obligate funds for the projects listed in the application prior to submission of the application in IWAS.

Submission of the application does not guarantee a grant will be approved or awarded. Approximately \$40 million is available for the FY2026 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant. Grants will be approved up to the amount released by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. If the appropriation is insufficient to fund all approved projects, grants will be awarded in order of the five priorities established in School Construction Law: 1) Emergency projects, 2) Health/life safety projects, 3) State priority projects, 4) Permanent improvement projects, and 5) Other projects.

For FY2026, the District is requesting a \$50,000 matching grant for energy-efficiency lighting upgrades at Lisle High School and Lisle Junior High School. The Lisle High School project includes replacing incandescent auditorium house lighting with high-efficiency LED fixtures. The Lisle Junior High project includes replacing fluorescent lighting in the remaining portion of the commons and corridors/hallways with LED fixtures, along with associated ceiling tile restoration. These projects qualify as State Priority Projects based on energy conservation.

All SMPG project expenses must be incurred or legally obligated within two years of the State's disbursement of grant funds.

The Board of Education must authorize the School Maintenance Project Grant application at a duly convened meeting prior to submission. The Board must also reserve local funds for the District's matching portion.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** If approved, the District will receive a \$50,000 matching grant from the State to support energy-efficiency lighting upgrades at Lisle High School and Lisle Junior High School.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing submission of the FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant application for energy-efficiency lighting improvements at Lisle High School and Lisle Junior High School.