

May 22, 2025

Scott Woods
Superintendent
Rantoul City SD 137
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Rantoul, IL 61866

Dear Superintendent Scott Woods,


The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has released fiscal year 2026 School Improvement Grant allocations to eligible Local Education Agencies (LEAs) pursuant to Title I, Part A, Section 1003 of the Every Student Succeeds Act. This year's allocations include additional FY 2026 funding to support school improvement efforts. Schools in improvement status serving newcomers also will receive additional funds on top of the base amount depending on the number of newcomers being served. This letter serves as official notification of your district's total allocation and provides pertinent school-level information. Table 1 on the next page shows FY 2026 allocations by eligible school. A list of all [LEA FY 2026 allocations](#) is publicly available on the ISBE School/District Improvement webpage.

LEAs with schools in [Intensive, Comprehensive, or Targeted status](#) receive School Improvement Grant funds pursuant to Title I, Part A, Section 1003 to develop the capacities of their schools to implement effective continuous improvement practices. The Statewide System of Support provides technical assistance to support school leaders in the development, implementation, and monitoring of effective School Improvement Plans over the four-year term of the grant.

School Improvement Grant funds are made available to LEAs to help their schools improve student outcomes and exit status. Funds may be used for activities, such as contracting for professional services from [state-approved learning partners](#); analyzing data; identifying resource inequities; researching and implementing evidence-based interventions; purchasing standards-aligned curriculum and materials; purchasing and administering local assessments for progress monitoring; and paying school personnel to collaborate and develop, implement, and monitor School Improvement Plans. The [FY 2026 allowable use of funds guidance](#) document is available to support the purpose of the grant in building adult capacity.

ISBE will release the FY 2026 School Improvement continuation grant application on May 23, 2025. LEAs may secure a July 1, 2025, start date by submitting a substantially approvable grant application in IWAS/eGMS by June 30, 2025. Grantees can [register](#) for a webinar that will be offered on both June 2 and June 3 to provide information about how to develop an approvable FY 2026 grant application. Grantees are encouraged to attend one of these live webinars or to view a recording of one afterward.

Best regards,



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Table 1. FY 2026 Allocations for Title I, Part A, Section 1003 School Improvement

School	Cohort Year	School Improvement Status	Term of School Improvement Grant	Allocation
Broadmeadow Elem School	2024	Targeted	Implementation Year 1	\$35,965.00
Eastlawn Elem School	2024	Targeted	Implementation Year 1	\$36,820.00
J W Eater Jr High School	2022	Comprehensive	Implementation Year 3	\$76,806.00
Northview Elem School	2023	Comprehensive	Implementation Year 2	\$40,987.00
Pleasant Acres Elem School	2024	Targeted	Implementation Year 1	\$37,817.00
				\$228,395.00