



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**Topic:** Application for Energy Conservation Measures-Loan CL455 Provided by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) of the State of Texas Comptroller's Office

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**Approved for transmittal to school board:** June 10, 2026

The Administration recommends approval to proceed with the "Energy Conservation Measures (LED Lighting Retrofit & Solar Photovoltaic LoanSTAR)- Loan CL455" offered by the State Conservation Office (SECO) of the State Comptroller's Office. This program will provide:

- a funding source with a low interest rate
- LED lighting retrofit of the gym at various Elementary School campuses,
- the LED lighting retrofit of sports lighting at various campuses,
- the installation of several variable frequency drives at various High School campuses
- the installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the roof tops of three school campuses.

The Grants Administration Dept. will be assisting the Energy and Facilities Dept. in preparing and submitting the Loan Application to the State Energy Conservation Office State Agency for consideration for approval.

### **Loan Program Summary**

The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) LoanSTAR (saving taxes and resources) program enables low-interest, revolving loans to Texas public entities. Loan recipients may include cities, counties, independent school districts, state agencies, public institutions of higher education and tax-supported public hospital districts. Loan applications will be reviewed on a first come-first-serve basis. The maximum loan amount is \$6 million. All loan disbursements are on a reimbursement basis.

### **Solicitation Details**

- Loan applications reviewed on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Maximum loan amount shall not exceed \$6,000,000.00
- Project construction shall be completed within twelve months from the contract full execution date.
- One loan maximum per entity.
- Interest rate is 2.5%.
- The loan repayment term is fifteen (15) years. There are no prepayment penalties.
- Loan repayments will be made on a quarterly basis.

**Rationale:**

This funding opportunity offers the opportunity to upgrade our systems district-wide to ensure a more efficient energy use and reliable lighting systems for our students and staff. Staff has complied with all applicable federal, state and local purchasing policies and procedures in obtaining pricing information for the items listed above.

**Budgetary Information:**

Payment Program from General Fund

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance**

CV Legal – Facilities Construction

Texas Education Code 44.031, 44.035, 44.035, 44.036, and 44.039