

Meridian CUSD #223
Board of Education Informational Brief

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Topic: ISBE School Maintenance Grant

Overview

The district is pursuing an application for the ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant to replace critical exterior doors at Stillman Valley High School. This initiative addresses immediate health, life, and safety concerns while ensuring compliance with safety standards.

Background

The current exterior doors at Stillman Valley High School, including four service doors, two overhead doors, and a double-door staff entrance, have not been updated in over 15 years. They are deteriorated, failing to provide adequate security and weatherproofing and no longer meeting health, life, and safety standards.

Proposed Action/Plan

- **Grant Application:** The district is applying for the ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant, with a submission deadline of Sunday, December 15, 2024
- **Funding Use:** If awarded, funds will be allocated to replace all identified exterior doors.
- **Timeline:** Project will begin Spring/Summer 2025

Financial Impact

- Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000
- Grant Funding: \$50,000
- District Contribution: \$50,000
- Benefits: Enhanced safety, compliance with state standards, and long-term cost savings from reduced maintenance needs.

Next Steps

The Board is requested to approve the grant application submission and provide authorization for district matching funds of \$50,000, if required.