



**ENERGY CONSERVATION**

All prior Health/Life Safety violations must be remediated or funds for remediation work in the *entire district* (not just the building relating to the amendment) must be appropriated before Fire Prevention and Safety funds can be used for energy conservation purposes. A Recommended Work Statement (see example on page 5) signed by the district and architect/engineer must be provided to ISBE for the items to be approved. A 20-year energy payback calculation must be provided as well. See 23 IAC 180.540 d for guidelines on the calculation requirements.

**105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 (b)**

*Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for energy conservation purposes that any school building or permanent, fixed equipment should be altered or reconstructed and that such alterations or reconstruction will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act; the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.*

**Checklist for Energy Conservation Work**

- Recommended Work Statement
- 20-year payback calculations

**ACCESSIBILITY**

All prior Health/Life Safety violations must be remediated or funds for remediation work in the *entire district* (not just the building relating to the amendment) must be appropriated before Fire Prevention and Safety funds can be used for accessibility-related work. A Recommended Work Statement (see example on page 5) signed by the district and architect/engineer must be provided to ISBE for the items to be approved.

**105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 (c)**

*Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for accessibility purposes and to comply with the school building code that any school building or equipment should be altered or reconstructed and that such alterations or reconstruction will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized under Section 2-3.12 of this Act, the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.*

**Checklist for Accessibility Work**

- Recommended Work Statement

## SECURITY

All prior Health/Life Safety violations must be remediated or funds for remediation work in the *entire district* (not just the building relating to the amendment) must be appropriated before Fire Prevention and Safety funds can be used for security-related work (including, but not limited to, intercom, early detection and warning, access control, closed-circuit TV monitoring, and phone systems). A Recommended Work Statement (see example on page 5) signed by the district and architect/engineer must be provided to ISBE for the items to be approved.

### **105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 (d)**

*Whenever any such district determines that it is necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and school personnel that any school building or property should be altered or reconstructed or that security systems and equipment (including but not limited to intercom, early detection and warning, access control and television monitoring systems) should be purchased and installed, and that such alterations, reconstruction or purchase and installation of equipment will be made with funds not necessary for the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendment thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act and will deter and prevent unauthorized entry or activities upon school property by unknown or dangerous persons, assure early detection and advance warning of any such actual or attempted unauthorized entry or activities and help assure the continued safety of pupils and school staff if any such unauthorized entry or activity is attempted or occurs; the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.*

*If such a school district determines that it is necessary for school security purposes and the related protection and safety of pupils and school staff to hire a school resource officer or that personnel costs for school counselors, mental health experts, or school resource officers are necessary and the district determines that it does not need funds for any of the other purposes set forth in this Section, then the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a).*

### **Checklist for Security Work**

- Recommended Work Statement
- Floor Plan if work is related to rearrangement of entry or office area
- A new amendment and Recommended Work Statement will be submitted each year the district will use Fire Prevention and Safety funds for personnel costs

## PLAYGROUND AND PAVING

All prior Health/Life Safety violations must be remediated or funds for remediation work in the *entire district* (not just the building relating to the amendment) must be appropriated before Fire Prevention and Safety funds can be used for a playground (surface, not equipment) and paving (sidewalks, parking lots, bus lanes, and athletic tracks). A Recommended Work Statement (see example on page 5) signed by the district and architect/engineer must be provided to ISBE for the items to be approved. The area to be repaired cannot be larger than the existing area that already is paved. No new playgrounds, athletic tracks, or parking lots can be installed using Fire Prevention and Safety funds.

This type of work also requires a public hearing, with at least one notice published in a local newspaper at least seven days prior to the hearing, that follows the same guidelines as a board meeting or budget hearing.

### **105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 (e)**

*If a school district does not need funds for other fire prevention and safety projects, including the completion of approved and recommended projects contained in any safety survey report or amendments thereto authorized by Section 2-3.12 of this Act, and it is determined after a public hearing (which is preceded by at least one published notice (i) occurring at least 7 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district and (ii) setting forth the time, date, place, and general subject matter of the hearing) that there is a substantial, immediate, and otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils due to disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds and repairs must be made; then the district may levy a tax or issue bonds as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.*

### **Checklist for Playground and Paving Work**

- Recommended Work Statement
- Copy of Notice of Public Hearing
- Copy of board resolution
- Site plan showing area to be repaired
- Photos of existing conditions

**Playground or paving only work:**

*"It has been determined that there is a substantial, immediate, and unavoidable threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare of pupils due to disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds; all buildings are in compliance but repairs must be made to said school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds."*

**When in conjunction with required Health/Life Safety work items:**

*"It has been determined that there is a substantial, immediate, and unavoidable threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare of pupils due to disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds; currently, there is Health/Life Safety work, amendment #\_\_\_\_\_, in progress and the proposed paving work must be completed in conjunction with such work. However, all previous Health/Life Safety projects have been completed and are in compliance."*

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Example Notice of Public Hearing for Paving Work

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

REGARDING REPAIR OF SCHOOL GROUNDS IN "NAME OF DISTRICT - NUMBER OF DISTRICT," CITY, ILLINOIS.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District No. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Illinois, that a Public Hearing will take place on "Day, Date, Time & Location, City," Illinois ZIP Code."

The purpose of this Hearing is for the Board of Education to determine the need to undertake repairs to the pavement of playgrounds, school bus turnarounds, student drop-off areas, sidewalks, and parking areas at "List Schools & Addresses" and to receive any public comments regarding such repairs.

"Name," Board President  
"Name," Board Secretary  
"District Name & Number"  
Board of Education  
"City," Illinois "ZIP Code"

Example Recommended Work Statement

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( **ARCHITECT / ENGINEER OR DISTRICT LETTERHEAD** )

(Current Date)

Illinois State Board of Education  
School Business Services Division N-330  
100 North 1st Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001

RE: Health/Life Safety Recommended Work Statement

*(Insert District Name)* has remediated, or has adequate Fire Prevention and Safety funds to remediate, all prior Health/Life Safety violations throughout the district. Therefore, *(Insert District Name)* seeks approval for *(Energy conservation, Accessibility, Security, or Paving)* work at *(Insert school name)* in amendment #\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Architect, Design Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date