



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 9/16/26 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Steven Fuller

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Propose to apply for \$20,000 to \$30,000 Custom Microgrid Installation Incentive grant from The Energy Trust of Oregon. This incentive supports the development of renewable energy microgrid projects at critical facilities or critical community infrastructure sites in Oregon. The incentive would cover up to 50% of the cost of the battery needed in a solar grid. The grant is meant for "public buildings that provide emergency services or communications." Williams Elementary School is a good. The school would be the applicant, but Oregon Clean Power Cooperative will write the application. Funds for the remaining costs not covered by this grant, will be sought from Blue Sky grants, Investment Tax Credit grants and other Energy Trust of Oregon funding streams. This is one grant of several that will be pursued to fund the entire project.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

This Solar project will benefit Williams Elementary School and the Williams Community in several ways:

- Reduce power costs for the school district.
- Provide power to the school during outages that are occurring more frequently. This keep the school operating normally during outages.
- Williams Elementary School is designated as a community shelter during area emergencies, power is essential to being a community shelter.

List the advantages of your proposal:

See above

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

We are relying on multiple streams of funding to complete this project. If they are not all received the project may not be feasible.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

We will be pursuing multiple funding sources.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐