

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D. C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **STEM Lab & Locker Room Renovation at Von Steuben High School** in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chicago Board of Education, located at 5039 N Kimball Ave, Chicago, IL 60625.

The funding would be used to renovate aging locker room facilities, improve accessibility, and convert underutilized space into a STEM maker lab. The project includes replacing deteriorating shower stalls with ADA-compliant units, reconfiguring locker room layouts to improve safety and supervision, and creating a dedicated space to support hands-on learning and STEM education. These improvements are essential to ensuring a secure and functional learning environment in a facility originally constructed in 1930.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses urgent infrastructure needs that directly impact student safety, facility usability, and the quality of educational programming. This renovation will benefit students during the school day and enhance the school's ability to host community-based programs after hours.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Delia C. Ramirez
Member of Congress