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Illinois Capital Development Board Announces \$307,050 in Funding to Southwestern Illinois College Towards the Replacement of Campus Floors

Funding to Repair Aging Facilities Made Possible by Governor Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan

BELLEVILLE – The Illinois Capital Development Board today announced \$307,050 has been released from the state towards the replacement of campus floors at Southwestern Illinois College, with local matching funds supporting a total investment of \$409,400. The funding will help address deferred maintenance projects on the Southwestern Illinois College campus that have been stalled due to a lack of investment by previous administrations. Made possible by Governor Pritzker's bipartisan capital plan, the first in nearly a decade, the renovation work will create good jobs and economic opportunities for residents in the surrounding community. CDB will oversee the project's renovation under the protocol for state-appropriated capital projects.

"It is the duty of elected officials to provide young people with the tools and resources they need to shape their future and achieve their dreams," **said Governor JB Pritzker**. "With funding from the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, Southwestern Illinois College will be able to complete long-needed maintenance work on the campus floors and continue providing a worldclass education to students."

"I am thankful to the State of Illinois for funding the removal and replacement of the tile flooring at the Belleville and Granite City campuses," **said CDB Executive Director Jim Underwood.** "The Rebuild Illinois capital plan is essential to upgrading and improving facilities throughout the state."

"We are grateful to Gov. Pritzker and the Capital Development Board for recognizing the need to upgrade facilities so that students can learn in a safe and comfortable environment," said **SWIC President Nick Mance.** "We appreciate their commitment to higher education."

The historic Rebuild Illinois capital plan passed with bipartisan super-majorities and will invest \$45 billion in roads, bridges, railways, universities, early childhood centers, and state facilities like the new crime lab and veterans' homes, creating, and supporting an estimated 540,000 jobs over the life of the six-year plan and revitalizing local economies across the state.