



**O'HARE NOISE  
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## **Chicago School Receives FAA, City Grants; Begins O'Hare Noise Mitigation Project**

Des Plaines, Ill., June 23, 2014--Christian Ebinger Elementary School, located in Ward 41 on Chicago's northwest side, has received reimbursement grants totaling \$468,750 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the city of Chicago to fund a sound insulation design for the building. The FAA anticipates a construction grant may be released by the end of 2014. The 88-year-old school, 7352 W. Pratt Ave., serves nearly 720 students and staff.

In 2007 the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) tested the school and deemed it eligible for school sound insulation with a reading of 60 DNL and a windows open noise level of 55.3 Leq. It is the 124th and last school to be sound insulated under the O'Hare Modernization Program.

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, an inter-governmental agency committed to reducing aircraft noise in communities near O'Hare, oversees the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program with the CDA.

The FAA will reimburse the school 80 percent of the cost using Airport Improvement Program funds while the city of Chicago will reimburse the remaining 20 percent using approved airline Passenger Facility Charges. Chicago Public Schools Dist. 299 will select sound insulation contractors.

The proposed sound insulation for Ebinger School will include asbestos abatement, acoustical windows, entrances, and HVAC and electrical modifications.

U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley (IL-5th District) and Alderman Mary O'Connor (41st Ward) expect this sound insulation project will significantly improve the learning environment for students, as it has in other sound-insulated schools near O'Hare.

The O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program is the largest and one of the oldest programs in the world. It has allocated approximately \$350 million in federal and airport funds to sound-insulate 121 schools near O'Hare with the last 3 schools in process.

ONCC, composed of representatives from 36 Chicago, Cook and DuPage communities, and 16 school districts, strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on surrounding neighborhoods of O'Hare International Airport through home and school insulation, and to reduce, wherever possible, aircraft noise at its source. For information, contact Jeanette Camacho, 773-686-3198, or visit [oharenoise.org](http://oharenoise.org).

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