

School Building Authority Issues \$49 Million to 5 Local Schools

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The School Building Authority issued more than \$49 million in funding to 12 school systems across the state at its meeting Monday.

Five local counties benefited from the grants including Harrison, Lewis, Preston, Ritchie, and Webster.

Lumberport Middle School will move into a new building next to Shinnston's Lincoln High School.

The new building will be made possible by funding from the school building authority.

Superintendent of Harrison County Schools Susan Collins said work on the new building will begin right away.

"It's been a long journey for the people of Lumberport and the people here in Shinnston, this feeder area, because there is a need for the school. There's been a need because of safety and health issues that we've wanted to get this project done. We're just happy we were able to get it for them here today," Collins said.

Lewis County will receive more than \$3 million for an addition/renovation at Jane Lew Elementary School, Preston County will receive \$4 million for a New West Preston Middle School, Ritchie County will receive about \$4.5 million for an addition/renovation at Harrisville Elementary School, and Webster County will receive nearly \$4.5 million for renovations at Webster County High School.

Preston County also received \$451,021 for a new vocational educational space for Preston High School.