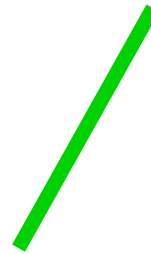


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4 Elementary Schools Qualify for Sound Insulation in 2007

Feb. 29, 2008—Four elementary schools in Chicago and Park Ridge qualified for participation in the O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program based on results of 2007 noise monitoring tests consistent with Federal Aviation Administration guidelines.

Ebinger Elementary School, Hitch Elementary School and Farnsworth Elementary School, all in Chicago, and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School in Park Ridge, have met both the FAA and City of Chicago aircraft noise metrics to qualify for potential funding.

The City of Chicago's School Sound Insulation Program is the largest of its kind in the world. It is operated and funded with monies from the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, Passenger Facility Charges and Non-Passenger Facility Charges.

School District Superintendent Dr. Raymond J. Kuper is chairman of the School Sound Insulation Program, a committee of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) that oversees school sound insulation initiatives.

Through December 2007, the program has included 115 schools either completed or in some phase of sound insulation. More than \$285 has been spent to effectively sound insulate schools around O'Hare International Airport.

While being ranked is an important step in securing funding for sound insulation work, selected schools are not guaranteed that funding will be available for a specific school for either the design phase or actual sound insulation work.

ONCC, composed of 27 Cook and DuPage communities, Cook County and 15 school districts, strives to reduce the impact of aircraft noise on neighborhoods surrounding O'Hare Airport through home and school sound insulation, and to reduce, whenever possible, aircraft noise at its source.

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