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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Frank Mendoza, Director of Building Operations
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Addition of Truck for Lawn Care and Snow Removal Equipment

Approval is requested for the purchase of one additional truck, a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty, to support the District's lawn care operations. This request is driven by current workload demands and the need to maintain efficient, timely, and high-quality grounds maintenance across all facilities.

The existing equipment and crew structure are currently operating at or beyond capacity, resulting in scheduling delays, increased wear on equipment, and added strain on staff. While teams have continued to meet expectations, the current pace is not sustainable and creates risk to both service quality and operational reliability. We are purchasing an additional trailer for the truck so that crews can deploy to different locations throughout the summer mowing season and winter plowing season.

The addition of a truck will improve operational efficiency by reducing travel bottlenecks, increasing flexibility in crew deployment, and better supporting existing and planned equipment use. This will allow for more effective distribution of workloads and improved responsiveness to seasonal demands. Additionally, the truck can serve a dual purpose by pulling the band trailer when an approved driver is available, further maximizing the utility of this purchase.

The estimated cost for the truck is \$51,516. This investment is expected to enhance productivity, support current service levels, and reduce the likelihood of operational disruptions.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford F250 Super Duty, from Courtesy Ford/Kimberly Car City located at 3921 West River Drive Davenport, Iowa 52802.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Total Investment: \$51,516
Funding Source: Operations & Maintenance Fund