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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Scott Vance, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Date: July 22, 2025
Re: Drivers Education Fee Waiver

Illinois State School Code caps a District fee for Drivers Education at \$300. Given the large number of scholars enrolled in Drivers Education the per student cost to implement a Drivers Education program exceeds that maximum fee. Costs associated with the Drivers Education fee include, but are not limited to drivers education vehicles, gas, insurance, and staff compensation for hours performed outside of contractual time.

To help with these increasing costs, the RIMSD has applied for and been granted a mutli-year waiver that allows the district to assess a fee greater than \$300. For the past 10 years, the District has charged a fee of \$500 per student which mitigates the cost for implementing the program for a large number of scholars.

The recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the waiver for ILCS 17-1.5 assessment of a fee greater than \$300 through the 2030 school year.

Investment Period: August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2030
Total Investment: N/A
Funding Source: N/A