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*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Cabinet Champion: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Date: June 9, 2026  
Re: Board Member Travel - ILJAC Conference

Administration recommends approval of travel expenditures for three Board members to attend the Illinois Joint Annual Conference (ILJAC) in Chicago, Illinois, November 20–22, 2026.

The ILJAC is the premier professional development event for Illinois school board members, superintendents, and school business officials. The conference provides participants with current information on educational legislation, school finance, governance, labor relations, student achievement, school safety, artificial intelligence, and other emerging issues affecting public education. Attendees also have opportunities to participate in governance-focused workshops, hear nationally recognized speakers, and collaborate with school leaders from districts throughout Illinois.

Attendance at the conference supports continuous board development and helps Board members remain informed about legal, financial, and policy issues impacting the District. The knowledge and resources gained through conference sessions and networking opportunities assist Board members in making informed decisions and strengthening governance practices on behalf of the Rock Island-Milan School District.

Board Policy 2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses, provides that Board member expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and registration related to official Board business must be approved prior to reimbursement. Approval of this request will authorize the District to pay or reimburse allowable conference registration, travel, lodging, and meal expenses in accordance with Board policy and District procedures.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve travel expenditures for three Board members not to exceed \$6,500.00 to attend the Illinois Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, November 20–22, 2026.

**Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027**  
**Total Investment: Not to exceed \$6,500**  
**Funding Source: Board of Education Travel Budget**

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