



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Cabinet Champion: Alicia Sanders, Director of Student Services  
Date: May 12, 2026  
Re: Approval of Contract with High Road School of the Quad Cities for Specialized Educational Services

The district is committed to meeting the needs of students requiring specialized educational programming beyond what is available within district schools. High Roads School of the Quad Cities provides therapeutic, behavioral, and academic services for students with significant social, emotional, and behavioral needs, including those requiring a more restrictive educational environment.

Tuition and service fees will be billed per student, in accordance with the established rate schedule, not to exceed \$160,000 for the 2026-2027 school year. Funding will be provided through the district's special education budget. Below is a breakdown of the annual cost the district has been billed for students' services over the past four years;

| Placement/Service             | FY2027 ESTIMATE         | FY2026 as of April 2026 | FY2025      | FY2024       | FY2023      |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| High Roads of the Quad Cities | Not to exceed \$160,000 | \$78,607.12             | \$78,741.98 | \$104,050.40 | \$72,678.81 |

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with High Roads of the Quad Cities, P.O. Box 70023, Newark, NJ 07101-3523, for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027**  
**Total Investment: Not to exceed \$160,000**  
**Funding Source: District Special Education Funds**