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Item: MOUs for Early Middle College and Dual Enrollment Programs

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Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) have been established between Kent ISD and several local colleges and universities to grow Early Middle College and CTE Dual Enrollment offerings for our students throughout the county. The following copies of each organizations' executed MOUs have been provided for review:

CTE Dual Enrollment:

- Davenport University (26-27)
- Grand Valley State University (26-27)

Early Middle College (LaunchU)

- Grand Rapids Community College (26-27)

BACKGROUND:

Kent ISD is committed to expanding opportunities for students to earn college credit and experience meaningful postsecondary coursework while still in high school. Early Middle College and CTE Dual Enrollment programs provide students with valuable pathways to college and career readiness while helping them make progress toward their postsecondary goals. These efforts align with the Michigan Department of Education's emphasis on increasing access to high-quality postsecondary opportunities and strengthening college and career readiness. To support these opportunities, Kent ISD has developed Memoranda of Understanding with the three colleges and universities that currently partner with Kent ISD to provide Early Middle College and/or CTE Dual Enrollment opportunities for students.