East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education members

FROM: Dori Leyko, Superintendent

SUBJECT: 31aa Resolution

DATE: October 26, 2026

Recommended motion:

The Board of Education approve the resolution ("Resolution A") to accept 31aa Mental Health Funding and 31aa Student Safety Funding.

Background information:

I have attached a Q & A document regarding common questions on 2026-27 31aa funding and the proposed resolution, both from Thrun Law Firm.

ELPS accepted these funds in 2025-26 and have budgeted for continued use of these funds in 2026-27. These are restricted funds with specific allowable expenses – I am meeting with State Superintendent Glenn Maleyko and am in communication with State Representative Penelope Tsernoglou's office to advocate for expenses that were allowed under previous 31aa legislation to continue to be allowed by the Michigan Department of Education. This grant provides significant funding for ELPS – approximately $270,000 to improve student mental health and approximately $540,000 to improve student safety. I am requesting action on this item at the October 26, 2026, Board of Education meeting so that ELPS can opt in to the funding by the first deadline of November 9, 2026, and receive funds in the following month's state aid payment.

Please see attached Q & A from Thrun Law Firm.