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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Jeff Dase, Deputy Superintendent
Date: September 8, 2026
Re: knowtifyED Service Agreement

In collaboration with knowtifyED, the Rock Island Police Department and the Rock Island County Sheriff's department, the district has identified a tool to help school staff make trauma-informed decisions on a daily basis. knowtifyED is an automated platform that enhances the school-based Handle with Care program by bridging the communication cap between first responder agencies and school districts.

Key features of knowtifyED:

- **Automated Notifications:** Each morning, scholar support teams and principals receive a single email with the subject line "Handle With Care" listing student ID numbers impacted by an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) in the previous 24 hours.
- **No Incident Details:** The system preserves privacy by sharing no case notes, specific narratives, or sensitive crime data—just a signal that a student may need extra support.
- **Zero Extra Work for Officers:** Law enforcement officers complete standard reports without filling out extra checkboxes, forms, or apps; knowtifyED runs in the background to pick up qualifying events.
- **Proactive Check-Ins:** Trained school staff use the notification to provide a neutral, trauma-sensitive check-in to help the student regulate and engage in class.
- **MTSS Dashboard:** Tracks cumulative ACE impacts across districts, schools, and grades over time to help Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) teams guide interventions.
- **Professional Learning:** Provides webinars, coaching, and resources to help educators build trauma-informed classrooms.
- **Data Privacy:** Operates via secure data connections defined by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) without direct server access or sharing juvenile police data.

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the professional services agreement with knowtifyED.

Investment Period: November 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Total Investment: $7,440
Funding Source: District Funds

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