River Trails
SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: Finance Committee
From: Ryan Berry
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Subject: 2027-28 Student Fee Recommendation

Introduction

The total 2026-27 budgeted District fees, which include transportation, materials and technology, summer school tuition and preschool tuition are $509,500. This represents 1.5% of the 26-27 Operating Revenue Budget.

Recommendation

The following fees rates are being recommended for the 2027-28 school year:

	2025-26*	2026-27*	2027-28*
Material and Technology - K-5	$ 250	$ 260	$ 265
Material and Technology - 6-8	$ 280	$ 290	$ 295
Chrome Book Insurance - all	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Transportation	$ 140	$ 145	$ 150
Preschool tuition	$2,850	$2,900	$2,950
Preschool snack	$ 90	$ 95	$ 95

*Fees shown as early bird payments

Compared to the 2026–27 budget, the 2027–28 fee proposal anticipates reduced total revenue as a result of enrollment declines; however, it continues to account for 1.4% of projected operating revenue.

Furthermore, it is recommended that the district continue the early payment discount of $25 for material fees and $50 for transportation fees if payment is received at the district office by May 1, 2027. We have held this practice for the last several years.

Students on free lunch do not pay material and technology fees and those on reduced lunch pay half fees. For those students on free or reduced lunch that require paid transportation we offer payment plans at $50 per month. As long as the first payment is made by May 1, we will not charge a late fee.

As the district constantly tries to balance the needs of all of our students, we acknowledge the financial pressures our families face. The district will continue to not charge for participation in any extracurricular activities or for use of the activity buses. By fully funding our extracurricular programs and providing alternate transportation services, the district removes multiple barriers to participation in many opportunities beyond the regular school day.