To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Melydi Huyett, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the Resolution for Withdrawal from LCSEA – November 18, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the Resolution for withdrawal from LCSEA, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by_____

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
____ David Fritts	____	____ Kathleen Schaefer	____
____ Melissa Gates	____	____ Jon Wadsworth	____
____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	____	____ Linda Wegner	____
____ Brandon Rogers	____		

Background:
Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31(j) allows a member district to withdraw from a special education cooperative without approval of the remaining member districts or a Regional Board of School Trustees, provided the district meets the statutory requirements for notice, planning, and continued provision of special education services. The law is intended to preserve local control while ensuring uninterrupted services to students with disabilities.

The Board of Education has historically participated in the cooperative model to expand educational opportunities for students with disabilities and to share the costs of specialized programming. Illinois law recognizes both participation in and withdrawal from special education joint agreements, provided statutory requirements are satisfied.

The withdrawal process under 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31(j) can be summarized as:
1. Adopt a Board Resolution approving withdrawal from the special education cooperative.
2. Provide Required Notice to the cooperative and other affected parties as required by statute.
3. Submit Required Documentation to ISBE demonstrating the District's plan for serving students with disabilities after withdrawal.
4. Demonstrate Capacity to Provide Services required under state and federal special education laws.
5. Assume Responsibility for Special Education Programs and Services upon the effective date of withdrawal.

The documents attached include:
· Resolution of Withdrawal from LCSEA
· Notice of Withdrawal to Paw Paw and ROE
· Notice of the Public Hearing

Recommendation:
It is the recommendation of administration to approve the Resolution of Withdrawal from LCSEA and set the withdrawal public hearing for December 16, 2026 at 5:30pm.