



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: January 22, 2026

TOPIC: Inspirit AI Summer Program Facilities Rental Fees

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

Inspirit AI plans to rent three classrooms in Rutledge Hall from July 20 - July 30, 2026 in order to provide an Artificial Intelligence intensive program for middle school students developed and taught by Stanford and MIT graduate students and alumni.

Jared Greene, Inspirit's Director of Programs, is seeking a classroom rental fee reduction to make the program more accessible to SD74 families. A \$4,000 per classroom rental fee creates a need to charge families approximately \$1,400 per student due to the instructors' travel and lodging costs.

Mr. Greene is proposing an alternate arrangement whereby Inspirit can reduce student costs:

Inspirit lowers the enrollment fee to \$800 per student and offers 1 fully-funded scholarship spot for each 8 students who enroll, in exchange for a reduced \$500 per classroom rental fee.

Assuming a class of 16 students, two of whom are offered full scholarships, the sacrifice of \$3,500 in rental fees to the district for that single classroom would be offset by \$11,200 in tuition reduction (16 students x the \$600 difference between the current \$1,400/student pricing and the proposed \$800/student pricing + two full scholarships valued at \$800 each).

Mr. Greene is amenable to other fee structure proposals from SD74 that offer an offset to the rental fees to increase student access.

Fiscal Impact:

Total Class IV rental fees for 3 CLASSROOMS would be:

$\$12,000 = \$125 \text{ per hour} * 3 \text{ classrooms} * 4 \text{ hours per day} * 8 \text{ days}$

Mr. Greene suggests an 87.5% reduction to the total as follows:

$\$1,500 = \$15.625 \text{ per hour} * 3 \text{ classrooms} * 4 \text{ hours per day} * 8 \text{ days}$

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve Inspirit AI's classroom rental fee reduction to \$500 total per classroom in exchange for reduced student programs costs with scholarships, as presented.