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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Frank Mendoza, Director of Operations
Date: June 9, 2026
Re: Blind Replacement RIHS

During the summer of 2025, window blinds were removed from various areas of Rock Island High School as part of the environmental remediation project. To restore functionality and improve the learning environment, the District is seeking to replace the blinds in the affected spaces.

The District obtained two quotes for the furnishing and installation of new blinds:

| Vendor | Amount |
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| Commercial Shading Systems | \$42,400 |
| Great Plains Blind Factory | \$33,581 |

Both quotes include the supply and installation of new blinds. Neither quote includes the removal of any existing shades or hardware.

After reviewing the proposals, we recommend awarding the project to Great Plains Blind Factory in the amount of \$33,581. Great Plains Blind Factory submitted the lowest responsive quote and is qualified to complete the work. Given the age and condition of existing hardware and the possibility of unforeseen conditions encountered during installation, staff is requesting authorization for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to address any additional project needs that may arise during the course of the work.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of replacement blinds at Rock Island High School from Great Plains Blind Factory, 1414 E. 37th Street, Davenport, IA 52807-1505, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Total Investment: \$40,000
Funding Source: Operations & Maintenance

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