

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**Lisle Community Unit School District No. 202  
Finance Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2026**

**SUBJECT:** Student Fees for School Year 2026-2027

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Education suspended student book and supply fees for the 2020-2021 through 2025-2026 school years. Prior to the waiver, the District historically collected approximately \$185,000 annually in book and supply fees, representing less than 1% of District revenues.

Student fees are typically reviewed and approved in February and historically include adjustments tied to the prior year’s Consumer Price Index (CPI). For calendar year 2025, CPI increased 2.7%. This year, the Administration seeks discussion in February with the intent to approve fees at the April meeting after review of the updated Financial Projection.

The Administration previously anticipated a balanced budget for FY2027. The Financial Projection assumed a 6% increase in health insurance premiums; however, our insurance cooperative is projecting an increase of approximately 16% for FY2027. Based on approximately \$5 million in annual premiums, this adds roughly \$500,000 to the projected expenditures for FY2027 and materially impacts the District’s ability to achieve a balanced budget. As a result, the Administration is considering reinstatement of book and supply fees beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

If reinstated, the proposed book and supply fee schedule for the 2026-2027 school year has been developed based on a review of book and supply fees currently charged by unit school districts in DuPage County. Administration analyzed the range and average fees by grade level and aligned the proposed amounts to approximate the countywide averages while maintaining a simple and consistent structure for Lisle 202 families.

Book and Supply Fee Schedule 2026-2027			
Grade Level	Lisle 202 Fees SY19-20	Proposed Amount	Peer Average
Early Childhood	\$72	<b>\$105</b>	\$96
Half-Day Kindergarten	\$72	<b>\$115</b>	\$116
Full-day Kindergarten	\$125	<b>\$150</b>	\$155
Grades 1 – 2	\$125	<b>\$150</b>	\$152
Grades 3-5	\$145	<b>\$150</b>	\$152
Grades 6 – 8	\$220	<b>\$190</b>	\$188
Grades 9 – 12	\$246	<b>\$200</b>	\$202

Administration is requesting direction from the Finance Committee regarding the following:

1. Should student book and supply fees be reinstated beginning in the 2026-2027 school year at the proposed levels above?
2. Should student usage fees (e.g., athletics and activity participation fees) be increased by CPI for the 2026-2027 school year?
3. Should the District continue to pay \$400 of the \$500 supply costs for the Cosmetology Program?