



ADDENDUM

**Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
SPCC-Governor's Room
5:00 PM**

VII. ACTION ITEMS

4. AGENDA ITEM #4

Subject: Consider Approval of Teacher Sabbatical Leave

Action: Requires a Motion

Background: Article 17 of the Teachers' Master Agreement allows for teachers to apply for a Sabbatical Leave for the purpose of professional growth.

Paulette Topel, Saint Peter High School English Teacher, has applied for a half year, part-time leave, and meets all requirements of the provision. The proposed leave would commence in the 2026-2027 school year and is for ½ day leave for one semester.

While on leave Ms. Topel plans to take courses, attend training from The National Writing Project, and serve as a graduate assistant at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Additionally, she will support the University's efforts in setting up the River Valley Writing Project, a project focused on supporting teacher professional development in writing.

The Human Resource Committee reviewed the proposal at its April 2nd meeting and recommended approval.

Presentation: Superintendent of Schools, Jon Graff
Human Resource Committee

Options/Recommendation: I recommend approval of the request for Sabbatical Leave.