



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
 From: Dr. Sharon Williams
 Jeff Dase, Deputy Superintendent
 Cabinet Champion: Alicia Sanders, Director of Student Services
 Date: May 12, 2026
 Re: Approval of Contract with Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED)
 For Specialized Services

As a member district of the Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED), we collaborate to provide specialized services that support the unique needs of students with disabilities. BHASED offers a continuum of special education services, including instructional programs, related services, evaluations, and staff consultation for students whose needs exceed the resources of individual districts.

The cost is determined based on the district’s participation formula, student enrollment, and services provided, with an estimated total not to exceed \$2,600,000.00 funded through District Special Education Funds and IDEA Grant Funds. Below is a breakdown of the annual cost the district has been billed for students’ services over the past four years.

Placement/Service	FY2027 ESTIMATE	FY2026 as of April 2026 (1st Semester)	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023
BHASED Tuition/Services PreK-12	Not to exceed \$2,600,000	\$1,154,159.00	\$2,468,387.00	\$2,422,777.98	\$2,562,151.00

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with Black Hawk Special Education District (BHASED), 4670 11th Street, East Moline, IL 61244-4432, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Total Investment: Not to exceed \$2,600,000

Funding Source: District Special Education Funds and IDEA Grant Funds