

To: School Board Members

From: Meghan Bernard, Sustainability Manager

Date: May 5, 2025

Re: Resolution of Support for the 2025-26 Safe Routes to School BOOST Grant

BACKGROUND:

In January 2025, we applied for a MN Dept of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SRTS) BOOST grant to provide bike helmets, locks, and additional bike racks for our schools. The goal of this grant was to increase access to biking for School District 197 students. While most of our schools have bike racks, some have requested additional bike racks as more students are biking to school. In addition, some students lack a helmet or bike lock. Access to helmets and locks will help students bike to school safely and keep their bike safe at school.

In March, we were notified that we were awarded the grant. The \$14,000 grant will provide five additional bike racks: three at Two Rivers High School, one at Mendota, and one at Moreland Elementary, 75 youth helmets, 75 adult helmets, and 50 bike locks. The helmets and locks will be distributed to the schools. Schools will be responsible for renting them out to students and will remain property of School District 197.

The grant requires a school board Resolution of Support for the SRTS BOOST grant. Please see the supporting documents, including the grant funding spreadsheet and draft resolution. The grant activities can begin upon adoption of the resolution. We plan to have all equipment in place and available to students when school resumes in Sept 2025.

RESOLUTION:

See attached resolution.