



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Josh Becker, Director of Building Operations
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: RIHS Chiller Purchase

As part of the District's continued efforts to support operational efficiency and facility maintenance at Rock Island-Milan School District #41, and in coordination with the overall Rock Island High School Controls Project, it is recommended that the District replace the unreliable chiller at Rock Island High School.

The existing chiller has experienced ongoing operational failures and is no longer able to provide reliable cooling to the building, impacting occupant comfort and system reliability. For the past two seasons, the District has relied on a rented supplemental unit through J.L. Brady Co. to maintain cooling during periods of high temperatures. Replacement of the chiller is necessary to restore dependable HVAC operations, improve energy efficiency, and reduce the risk of unplanned disruptions.

The District has worked with Cordogan Clark Architects to ensure the recommended chiller is appropriately sized and compatible with the facility and the broader controls project. The chiller will be purchased through one of the District's approved purchasing cooperatives, Sourcewell for \$343,605. This cost does not include labor and that portion of the project will go out to bid in the near future with assistance from Cordogan Clark Architects.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a new YORK chiller through the JCI/Sourcewell Co-op for a cost not to exceed \$343,605 to replace the unit at Rock Island High School.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Total Investment: Not to exceed \$343,605

Funding Source: District Funds/Maintenance and Operations Department