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Date: June 16, 2025
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Ami Engel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Subject: Back to School Fair Supply Kits

The Issue:

We are requesting to purchase backpacks and school supply kits that will be distributed during our annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Providing students with access to backpacks and school supply kits ensures that students are equipped with the necessary tools to start the school year prepared and confident. This promotes a positive and productive learning environment from day one while providing access to resources students need. Our Back to School Fair also serves as a gateway to connect families with additional community resources.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

In recent years, we have purchased and distributed backpacks and supply kits at our Back to School Fairs, consistently drawing a high turnout from parents. These events have successfully enabled parents to access a variety of valuable resources.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal # 1 Educational Equity which states East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring safe and inclusive learning environment and Strategic Goal #4 Student Achievement which states East Aurora School District 131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.

Community Impact:

Over the past few years, our Back to School Fairs have had a significant and positive impact on our community. By purchasing and distributing backpacks and supply kits, we have ensured that students are well-prepared as they begin the school year. These events have served as a vital conduit for connecting families with a wide range of community resources and support services. Through this initiative, we have fostered a stronger, more connected community, while supporting the educational and overall well-being of our students and their families

Supporting Data:

In years past we have purchased approximately 3,100 total backpacks and supply kits and have been able to support families who attend the fair. This year's request adds additional kits to ensure we adequately support our families.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of backpacks and supply kits not to exceed \$65,000 from Title I.

Timeline for Decision

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