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To: The Board of Education, Superintendent
From: Patrick Broncato, Superintendent
Date: February 24, 2025
Subject: DuPage/West Cook
Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (DWC Agreement)

As the Board is aware, Woodridge SD 68 belongs to the SASED Special Education Cooperative, along with a number of adjoining school districts in DuPage County. SASED provides special education services for Woodridge SD68 for students who need additional resources not available in the District. Similarly, SASED cooperates with other cooperatives and school districts to provide and receive services that may not be available at SASED.

Member School Districts (and non-member school districts as otherwise provided in this Agreement) may purchase available services from each other, including (but not limited to) Program participation on a tuition basis, other instructional services, related services, and professional development.

Throughout the years, The Dupage West Cook (DWC) Board has been critical in ensuring the needs of our low incident Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired students have been met with exceptional programming. SASED provides all the Vision services for all 92 members of the DWC grades PK-12+ as well as all the Deaf and Hard of Hearing services for all 92 members of the DWC grades PK-8.

Over time, the DWC Board has transitioned from overseeing the daily operations of the programs, approving the budget as well as the hiring of staff to an advisory and informational Board. The aforementioned duties are now the responsibility of the Boards directly overseeing these programs (SASED and LADSE).

As such, a recommendation was approved at the February 13, 2025 DWC Meeting to eliminate the Board as it is currently functioning and to have it act as a DWC oversight committee. Committee membership will continue to be composed of member district representatives who will



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meet at least twice annually to review programming and budget recommendations. Programming will continue to be provided and no interruption of services will occur.

The Intergovernmental Agreement has been revised to reflect this change, and each of the 92 member districts will be asked to have the Resolution signed by their Board of Education, including ours.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the passage of the DuPage/West Cook Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (DWC Agreement) as presented.