



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	December 19, 2024
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Potential K-5 Pilot Program of Choice - 2026-26 School Year
<b>Item Type:</b>	Information
<b>Administrator:</b>	Jeanne Grazioli
<b>Objective:</b>	Provide an Overview of a Pilot Program for the 2025-26 School Year

### Background:

Medford currently has over 1,000 students enrolled in homeschooling, and interest in this option has been growing steadily in recent years. After engaging with homeschooling families and researching similar programs locally and beyond, we are proposing the launch of a K-5 pilot program for the 2025-2026 school year. A high-level overview of the program will be presented at the Board meeting.

Our goal is to partner with homeschooling families to provide instructional materials, resources, and access to enrichment opportunities such as music, STEAM, physical education, library services, organized field trips, playground activities, and more. Students would be enrolled with the Medford School District for this alternative program of choice. Check-ins and access to learning support would be provided.

The program will be co-located at an existing school site (to be determined), utilizing available space. We would ensure the program is cost-neutral or potentially cost-positive. Families will register through the Medford School District to participate in this program.

In early January, we will distribute an interest form to both current homeschool families and district families.

Before the launch, we are developing internal success criteria for this pilot program in order to evaluate the effectiveness towards the end of the 25-26 school year..

We will continue to keep the Board informed about the program's development as we move forward.

**Additional Materials:** None

**Recommendation:** Information only

**Suggested Motion:** N/A