



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

To: The Board of Education
From: Dr. Jodi Megerle
Date: August 11, 2026
Subject: Succession of Authority

Introduction

- In accordance with Policy 3:70, Succession of Authority, the Board of Education is requested to formally approve the designated line of succession in the event of the Superintendent's absence or temporary unavailability.

Recommendation

- Approval of the recommended line of succession as presented below.
 1. Dr. Kristy Seifert, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
 2. Dr. Carie Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
 3. Ryan Berry, Chief School Business Official (CSBO)
 4. Mr. Bill Timmins, Principal of Indian Grove Elementary

Background

- The recommended succession plan prioritizes Cabinet-level administrators, as their roles allow them to oversee district-wide operations without the immediate responsibility of managing individual school building operations.
- Additionally, should a situation require specialized administrative or statutory decision-making, it is noted that Dr. Seifert and Mr. Timmins hold their Superintendent Endorsements.

Attachments

- None