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*Superintendent of Schools*

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Sharon Williams  
Cabinet Champion: Ramona Dixon, Director of Grants, Accountability, and Assessments  
Date: March 10th, 2026  
Re: **AVID Summer Institute Professional Learning "Summer 2026"**

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a schoolwide instructional system designed to increase the number of students who are career/college ready upon graduation. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. To date, we have five (5) schools that are implementing AVID, and they are as follows: Rock Island High, Edison, Washington, Frances Willard, and Earl Hanson. Beginning the 2026-2027 school year, Rock Island Academy will pilot the full implementation of AVID.

In addition to our membership with AVID, we leverage AVID in as a state-approved learning partner. The board approved two contracts for our work with AVID this year in the 25-26 school year. The first contract for our membership was approved on 05/13/2025 in the amount of \$23,177. The second contract for our state-mandated learning partner work was approved on 10/28/2025 in the amount of \$28,350.

Each summer, selected individuals from AVID schools attend the Summer Institute to continue professional learning on high impact research-based strategies. This year, there will be 25 people attending the three-day summer institute in Kansas City, MO from July 22-24, 2026, and due to the timing of the training we are able to leverage FY26 funding because this funding source operates on an extended year grant end date. The cost is \$1,099 per person for a total of \$27,475. This is not a request for an additional contractual service.

**Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the increase of the spending limit with the vendor AVID Center 9797 Aero Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123 by \$27,475 to account for a purchase order for Summer Institute registration for 25 participants at \$1,099 each.**

**Investment Period: July 2025 - August 2026**  
**Total Investment: \$79,002**  
**Funding Source: FY '26 Title I, Title II, & School Improvement Grant Funds**

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