



Date: August 18th, 2025
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Mr. Jon Simpson, Associate Superintendent for Learning and Leadership
Subject: WestEd Learning Partner Selection

The Issue:

Edna Rollins Elementary School, KD Waldo Middle School, Cowherd Middle School, and Allen Elementary School are required to select a learning partner for the 2025–2026 school year.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

Schools currently in status are required to work with an approved learning partner. In the past, all schools in the district were partnered with the selected provider. For the 2025–2026 school year, only the schools required to do so will engage with the learning partner. WestEd was the selected learning partner for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports East Aurora School District's Strategic Goal #1 Educational Equity: East Aurora School District 131 will *Meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and including learning environment*, Goal #3 Collaborative Leadership: East Aurora School District 131 will *engage in continuous improvements through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership* and Strategic Goal #4 Student Achievement: *East Aurora School District #131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.*

Community Impact:

Selecting WestEd as our learning partner will enable the identified schools and principals to work with an assigned coach who provides customized, comprehensive, research- and evidence-based solutions tailored to the specific needs of each school and aligned with the district's mission and vision

Supporting Data:

The WestEd proposal for Allen Elementary as a Year 1 school is included, along with the proposal for Edna Rollins Elementary, KD Waldo Middle School, and Cowherd Middle School as Year 2 schools

Financial Impact:

The cost for Allen Elementary School is \$82,000, while the combined cost for Edna Rollins Elementary, KD Waldo Middle School, and Cowherd Middle School is \$66,000. The total cost of \$148,000 will be covered using 1003a grant funds

Recommendation:

It is recommended that for the 2025-2026 School Year that we select WestEd as our learning partner for Allen Elementary School, Edna Rollins Elementary School, KD Waldo Middle School, and Cowherd Middle School.

Timeline for Decision

September 2, 2025