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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Nicole Berry, Director of Early Childhood Programs
Date: March 10, 2026
Re: Head Start Preschool Program 2026-2027 Grant Application and Supporting Documents

The Head Start Preschool Program will provide a comprehensive center-based program that supports children and families in their growth and development to school readiness. The program will serve 255 children from low-income families in the Rock Island and Milan School District #41 boundaries. 10% of the children served will have disabilities.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Head Start Preschool Program 2026-2027 Baseline Grant Application for a total amount of \$3,277,131, along with the following required supporting documents: SF 424, SF424A, Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Assessment and Plan, and Head Start 2026-2027 Salary Schedules.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Total Investment: \$3,277,131
Funding Source: Head Start Preschool Program

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