

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LAKE BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 65,
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
APPROVING THE WITHDRAWAL OF LAKE BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 65
FROM TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

WHEREAS, Lake Bluff Elementary School District 65 is currently a member district of TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 in good standing; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Bluff Elementary School District 65 has systematically expanded its capacity over the past decade to enhance its programming and services for students requiring special education; and

WHEREAS, the district has demonstrated its ability to educate all students, including those with special needs, and believes that inclusion in its programs, schools, and community-based learning environments is the best approach for all students; and,

WHEREAS, the district employs a full-time administrator to serve as its State-approved Director of Special Education, ensuring oversight and compliance with all applicable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the district has invested in specialized leadership by employing additional administrators dedicated to overseeing special education programming and ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements across Lake Bluff Elementary School and Lake Bluff Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the district maintains a highly qualified team of special education professionals, including special education teachers, school psychologists, school social workers, school nurses, and paraprofessionals, to comprehensively support students with diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, the district has designated and equipped adequate instructional and clinical spaces to support special education services and,

WHEREAS, the district's reliance on facilities, personnel, and services from TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 has continued, however, the number of member districts proposing to withdraw is increasing and the district is growing concerned about the future of the True North Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, District 65 Administration recommends that the Board of Education consider declaring intent to withdraw from True North effective July 1, 2027, consistent with the terms of the Articles of Agreement of True North and,

WHEREAS, the district has established partnerships with multiple public and private special education providers to support and enhance the district's ability to meet the needs of all special education students; and

WHEREAS, the district will continue the enrollment of only those students currently in TrueNorth programming and remain with TrueNorth in support of these students' continuity of educational programming; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education held a public hearing on June 24, 2025, regarding the district's intent to withdraw from TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804, and notified all parents of students enrolled in the school district of the scheduling of said hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Lake Bluff Elementary District 65 Lake County, Illinois as follows:

1. The Lake Bluff Elementary School District 65 Board of Education hereby formally provides the required notice to withdraw from TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31 (g), with an effective date of withdrawal no earlier than July 1, 2027. The Superintendent or designee is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each member district, along with a request to either (1) approve the withdrawal of Lake Bluff Elementary District 65 from TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804, or (2) deny the withdrawal no later than January 1, 2026; and
2. The inaction of a school district to either (1) approve the withdrawal, or (2) deny the withdrawal will be assumed to be approval of the withdrawal.
3. The Superintendent or designee is directed to prepare a comprehensive plan in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31 (g-5) no later than November 1, 2026, and submit any formal petitions and plans to the appropriate governing bodies, including the Illinois State Board of Education and the Lake County Regional Office of Education, as required by law.
4. The district will continue to ensure appropriate and high-quality special education services for its students by implementing and utilizing its established programs, personnel, facilities, and external partnerships.
5. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to take all necessary actions to facilitate a smooth and effective withdrawal process, ensuring transparency and communication with all stakeholders, including families, staff, and community members.

That this Resolution will be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Member _____ moved the adoption of this Resolution and

Member _____ seconded it. Upon roll call vote, the members voted as follows:
AYES: