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Informational Update on the 2026 Summer Program

Purpose

This report provides the Board of Education with an overview of the planned 2026 Summer Program for Streater ESD #44. Director Anne McDonnell will present the program's structural details, eligibility criteria, and operational timeline to ensure the Board is fully informed of the District's academic support initiatives for the upcoming summer term.

Program Overview

The 2026 Summer Program is designed to provide targeted instruction in ELA and Math to students who have not yet met specific curricular standards or who are candidates for retention. The program will operate from May 26 through June 11, running Monday through Thursday. Sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with breakfast provided starting at 8:10 a.m..

Key details of the program include:

- Programs will be hosted at Kimes (Grades K-1), Centennial (Grades 2-4), and Northlawn (Grades 5-8).
- Student participation for Grades K-4 is based on teacher recommendations and performance data, while Grades 5-8 focus on retention candidates.
- The District plans to hire at least one teacher per grade level, with teachers receiving a \$2,000 stipend for the duration of the program.
- Students will have access to Chromebooks, and progress will be measured through pre- and post-assessments given at the beginning and end of the summer session.

The program follows a strict planning timeline to ensure proper staffing and student placement. Teacher rankings and administrative approvals are scheduled for completion by mid-April, with invitation letters sent to families by April 15, 2026. This proactive schedule allows the District to secure transportation for non-walking zones and finalize food service arrangements.

Administrative Recommendation

This item is presented for informational purposes only. No formal Board action is required at this time.