

Executive Summary: Authorization of Interim Spending Authority for FY27 (July 1 – Sept 30, 2026)

To ensure the continuity of district operations between the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2026) and the final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, the Administration requests Board approval for interim spending authority. This authorization allows the district to meet contractual obligations, process payroll, and conduct essential summer maintenance and procurement during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Rationale & Operational Necessity

While the fiscal year begins on July 1st, the final statutory budget adoption is scheduled for September 2026 to align with State Aid certifications. Without interim authority, the district lacks the legal standing to expend funds after June 30th.

Approval of this request ensures zero disruption to:

- **Payroll & Benefits:** Continuous payment of 12-month employees and summer school staff.
- **Facilities & Maintenance:** Execution of critical summer capital projects and facility preparation for the fall semester.
- **Instructional Procurement:** Purchasing of textbooks, technology, and supplies to ensure delivery prior to the first day of school.
- **Fixed Costs:** Payment of utilities, insurance premiums, and existing contracts.

Fiscal Controls

To ensure fiscal prudence during this interim period, the Business Office will continue to provide monthly financial reports comparing interim actuals against this temporary authorization.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Education consider the approval for interim spending authority for the period of July 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.