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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Scott Vance, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Date: July 22, 2025
Re: Drivers Education BTW Hours Waiver

Illinois State School Code requires scholars to complete six (6) hours of Behind the Wheel instruction in order to qualify for their Drivers License before the age of 18. Given the large number of scholars enrolled in Drivers Education within the RIMSD as well as the limited number of certified instructors, completing those mandated hours in a timely manner is exceedingly difficult.

Therefore the RIMSD has applied for and been granted a mutli-year waiver that allows students to substitute simulated behind the wheel experience through the use of driving simulators. The use of this waiver allows RIMSD staff to properly and safely instruct students in the different facets of driving while meeting state requirements.

The recommendation is that the Board of Education approve renewal of the waiver for ILCS 27-24.3 alternative to behind the wheel instruction through the 2030 school year.

Investment Period: August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2030
Total Investment: N/A
Funding Source: N/A