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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Ramona Dixon, Director of Grants, Accountability, and Assessments
Date: June 24th, 2025
Re: **AVID Summer Institute Hotel Payment**

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a schoolwide instructional system designed to increase the number of students who are career/college ready upon graduation. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. This mission is in direct alignment with our district's mission and strategic plan priorities; namely priority area number two. To date, we have five (5) schools that are implementing AVID, and they are as follows: Rock Island High, Edison, Washington, Frances Willard, and Earl Hanson. The individual schools and the district's AVID goals continue to center on placing an emphasis on instruction, leadership, systems, and the sustainability of AVID as a school-wide concept.

Each summer, selected individuals from AVID schools attend Summer Institute. This year, there will be 33 people attending the three-day Summer Institute in Chicago from July 23-25th. You all approved the registration fees of participants at the February 11th meeting. Unfortunately, we did not have the information for hotels during the time of registration approval. However, since then we have been able to secure the hotels for all participants, and due to the number of participants we realized the need to seek board approval due to the fact that the cost exceeds the spending threshold for one vendor.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education approve the use of the district's credit card at an estimated cost of up to \$35,000 for up to 33 hotel rooms @ 3 nights each for all approved AVID Summer Institute Participants.

Investment Period: July 2025

Total Investment: Up to \$35,000

Funding Source: Title I School Improvement, Title I, and Title II (the same funding source as the approved registration).

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