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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: June 9, 2026
Re: Resolution to Expend Funds

The resolution included on the agenda seeks to authorize the Superintendent to make essential expenditures and enter into contracts prior to the formal adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027) budget. This recommendation is intended to ensure the continuity of district operations and sound fiscal management during the early part of the fiscal year.

Under Section 17-1 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.8), the Board is required to adopt an annual budget by September 30. However, many necessary expenditures occur before this deadline, such as the purchase of instructional materials and supplies, execution of service contracts, and hiring and compensation of staff. These early commitments are vital to prepare schools for a successful start to the academic year.

The proposed resolution would authorize the Superintendent or designee to carry out these purchases and contractual obligations in advance of the final budget's adoption, while remaining in full compliance with applicable state laws and board policies.

Establishing this authority through formal resolution reflects a fiscally responsible approach. It ensures uninterrupted operations, supports timely procurement and staffing, and provides the flexibility needed to manage the district's financial obligations proactively and transparently.