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**Presenter(s):** Sonya Sailer, Executive Director of Human Resources; Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

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The two-year total package for this proposed agreement is \$7,802,310, which represents an increase of \$619,029. Using the Minnesota School Board Association's costing formula, the two-year percentage increase is 8.62%. This amount is within the School Board's financial parameters for this collective bargaining agreement. Superintendent Stanley supports the recommendation.

**Recommendation:** Approve the proposed 2024-2026 collective bargaining agreement.

**Attachments:**

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