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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champions: Scott Vance, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: Driver Education Simulator Purchase

The Rock Island-Milan School district has been utilizing Driver's Education simulators as part of our Driver's Education curriculum for over twenty years. The current simulators are outdated and original to the program and as such are in dire need of replacement.

The Rock Island-Milan School District released notification that it was seeking competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of thirteen (13) driving simulators to be used as Drivers Education supplementary tools. The intent of those proposals is to establish pricing based on volume.

The district received three (3) bids from various vendors with a wide variety of pricing options. After discussion with RIMSD Drivers Education staff and RIHS administration the determination was made to recommend the acceptance of the bid submitted by Virtual Driver Interactive of \$193,700.

The submitted bid includes, but is not limited to:

- Thirteen (13) Full Cab driving simulators, with 49-inch curved monitors, computer towers, wheels, pedals, real car seats, realistic cab frames and pre-installed software.
- Distracted Driving Experience (DDE)
- On-site installation by certified VDI staff, hands-on instructor training, and district-wide support for implementation and usage
- Full one-year warranty, covering all hardware and software
- Lifetime technical support
- Unlimited complimentary software updates

VDI is a nationally recognized vendor and widely used in Illinois school districts. The full cab model provides a secure realistic learning platform with a reduced risk of breakage that will last for many years while providing our scholars an excellent learning experience.

It is therefore recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 13 Full Cab Driving simulators from Virtual Driver Interactive, 899 Mountain Avenue, Suite 1A, Springfield, New Jersey for the cost of \$193,700.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Total Investment: \$193,700

Funding Source: District Funds

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