



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Alicia Sanders, Director of Student Services
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Approval of Contract with The Menta Education Group for Specialized Educational Services and Transportation

The district continues to seek appropriate educational placements for students whose academic, behavioral, or social-emotional needs cannot be met within district programs. The Menta Education Group provides therapeutic day school services focused on individualized instruction, behavioral interventions, and emotional support aligned to each student’s IEP.

Tuition and related fees along with transportation services will be billed per student, in accordance with the Menta rate structure, not to exceed \$600,000 annually, funded through the district’s special education budget. Below is a breakdown of the annual cost the district has been billed for students’ services over the past two years;

Placement/Service	FY2026 ESTIMATE	FY2026 as of April 2026	FY2025
Menta Academy Special Education Services	Not to exceed \$600,000	\$245,499.70	\$23,149.95
Menta Academy Special Education Systems		\$56,114.05	\$5,251.80

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the contract with The Menta Education Group, 195 Poplar Avenue, North Aurora, IL 60542, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Total Investment: Not to exceed \$600,000
Funding Source: District Special Education Funds