



TO: School Board Members

FROM: Superintendent Peter Olson-Skog

DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of Joint Powers Agreements with Dakota County for School Wellness

BACKGROUND

School District 197 has received SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program) grant funds from Dakota County for many years to support student and staff wellness initiatives.

The Public Health Team is working to execute joint powers agreements (JPA) with school districts for SHIP programming with Dakota County. Under Minn. Stat. §471.59, subd.1, two or more governmental units, by agreement entered through action of their governing bodies, may enter into an agreement to cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting Parties, and one of the participating governmental units may exercise one of its powers on behalf of the other governmental units.

Administration recommends approving the joint powers agreements to continue receiving SHIP grant funding from Dakota County for school wellness.

Attached is a copy of the JPA.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 197 that the Joint Powers Agreement for School Wellness (Contract #CLA20932) be approved as presented and, further, that the School Board Chair be authorized to sign the joint powers agreements.