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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Ramona Dixon, Director of Grants, Accountability, and Assessments
Date: December 10, 2024
Re: American Institute for Research MOU for Frances Willard Elementary School's Designated School Improvement Needs Assessment 24-25

Each year the Illinois State Board of Education provides designations for schools and districts via the State Report Card System. The five annual summative designations are exemplary, commendable, targeted support, comprehensive, and intensive. The ratings are established using multiple measures of both academic and student success indicators.

Last fiscal year a comprehensive support designation was placed on Longfellow Elementary, Rock Island Academy, Edison Jr. High, and Washington Jr. High Schools. This year the state added Frances Willard to that list. As such a comprehensive needs assessment is required per the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide formative feedback to the school and district as a way to inform the individual building efforts. The needs assessment will measure key areas such as leadership, vision, curriculum, instruction, culture, climate, and other related items.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a contract for service with American Institute for Research, 1400 Crystal Drive, 10th floor, Arlington, VA 22202-3289 in the amount of \$40,090. Title I School Improvement funds will be used for this contract for service.

Investment Period: December 10, 2024 -June 30, 2025
Total Investment: \$40,090
Funding Source: Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG)

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