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Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Annaka Whiting, Chief Financial Officer
Date: July 28, 2026
Re: Master Emergency Restoration Services Agreement

Emergency restoration services often require an immediate response to prevent further damage, minimize disruptions to school operations, and reduce overall repair costs. Staff is recommending approval of a Master Emergency Restoration Services Agreement with Werner Restoration, a long-standing District partner with extensive experience responding to the District's emergency restoration needs. The agreement establishes the contractual terms, conditions, and insurance requirements so Werner can respond immediately when an emergency occurs. Approval of the agreement does not authorize any specific expenditure or guarantee any minimum amount of work.

The agreement is limited to emergency mitigation and stabilization services needed to protect District property and ensure the health and safety of students and staff. It does not authorize permanent repairs or reconstruction. If additional restoration work is expected to exceed the District's \$35,000 procurement threshold, the District will comply with all applicable Board policies and the Illinois School Code, including obtaining Board approval and competitively bidding the work when required.

In emergency situations, as permitted by the Illinois School Code, staff may authorize emergency mitigation work to begin immediately when necessary to protect District property or the health and safety of students and staff, regardless of the cost. If this occurs, staff will present the emergency expenditures to the Board for approval through an emergency resolution at the next regular Board meeting, along with an update on the incident and any recommended next steps.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a Master Emergency Restoration Services Agreement with Werner Restoration, to provide emergency response services for water intrusion, fire, storm damage, environmental remediation, biohazard cleanup, and other unforeseen facility emergencies.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Total Investment: N/A
Funding Source: District Funds/Tort/Operations

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