



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education, Dori Leyko, Superintendent

FROM: Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Informational Item – 2025-26 Tuition Rates for Non-resident Pupils

DATE: November 10, 2025

Background

Each year, the Board of Education is required to establish tuition rates in accordance with Section 380.1401 of the Michigan Revised School Code. This determination typically coincides with the completion of the annual audited financial statements, as the tuition calculation is based on the District's operating costs from the preceding fiscal year.

Tuition rates apply only to non-resident students who wish to enroll in the District outside of the Schools of Choice provisions. For example, suppose the District designates ten (10) available slots for sixth grade and fills eight (8) through the Schools of Choice process. In that case, a non-resident student who applies after the close of that process may be considered for enrollment as a tuition student. Conversely, if all available slots are filled through Schools of Choice and a waiting list exists, the District would not consider additional non-resident tuition students for that grade level.

The District rarely enrolls tuition students, with only one such instance occurring over the past sixteen (16) fiscal years. Attached is the calculation of the 2025-26 tuition rates for Board review.