



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Dr. Sharon Williams
Date: July 28, 2026
Re: Board Member Travel Amendment - ILJAC Conference

Administration recommends approval of travel expenditures for an additional Board member to attend the Illinois Joint Annual Conference (ILJAC) in Chicago, Illinois, November 20–22, 2026 as well as an add-on session November 20.

The ILJAC is the premier professional development event for Illinois school board members, superintendents, and school business officials. The conference provides participants with current information on educational legislation, school finance, governance, labor relations, student achievement, school safety, artificial intelligence, and other emerging issues affecting public education. Attendees also have opportunities to participate in governance-focused workshops, hear nationally recognized speakers, and collaborate with school leaders from districts throughout Illinois.

Board Policy 2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses, provides that Board member expenses for travel, meals, lodging, and registration related to official Board business must be approved prior to reimbursement. Approval of this request will authorize the District to pay or reimburse allowable conference registration, travel, lodging, and meal expenses in accordance with Board policy and District procedures.

On June 9, 2026, the Board of Education approved travel expenditures for three board members not to exceed \$6,500. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve travel expenditures for an additional Board member with total costs not to exceed \$8,400 to attend the Illinois Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, November 20–22, 2026.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Total Investment: Not to exceed \$8,400
Funding Source: Board of Education Travel Budget

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