

South and West Washtenaw Consortium Agreement Amendment 2026-2027 Extension — Questions and Answers

1. What action is the Board being asked to take?

The Board is being asked to approve a simple amendment to the South and West Washtenaw Consortium Agreement. The amendment would extend the existing Agreement for one additional year, through June 30, 2027, unless it is earlier terminated or further amended in accordance with the Agreement.

2. Why is the amendment being proposed?

The current Agreement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026. The amendment is intended to maintain continuity of existing CTE programming for the 2026-2027 school year while the participating districts review and evaluate potential participation in a broader Washtenaw-area CTE consortium structure.

3. Does this amendment create a new consortium?

No. The amendment does not create a new consortium. It simply extends the existing South and West Washtenaw Consortium Agreement for one additional year.

4. Does approval of the amendment mean the District is joining the proposed Washtenaw-area CTE consortium?

No. The amendment expressly states that it is not an approval of, adoption of, or commitment to join any future Washtenaw-area CTE consortium or related agreement. Any future participation in a new consortium would require separate Board action.

5. Why does the amendment reference the Washtenaw CTE millage and the draft Washtenaw CTE consortium agreement?

The references provide context for why the extension is being proposed. Following the CTE millage campaign and approved CTE millage, the participating districts anticipate further discussion about a broader Washtenaw-area CTE consortium. The one-year extension gives the districts time to evaluate that possibility while preserving the existing SWWC structure in the meantime.

6. Has the draft Washtenaw CTE consortium agreement been adopted?

No. The amendment states that a draft Washtenaw Intermediate School District Area Career and Technical Education Program Consortium Agreement has been prepared for discussion but has not yet been adopted by the participating districts. That discussion is expected to occur in the summer of 2026.

7. What happens if the amendment is not approved before June 30, 2026?

The amendment includes language to address that possibility. If the amendment is not fully approved and executed until after June 30, 2026, then, upon becoming effective, it will relate back to July 1, 2026. The intent is for the existing Agreement to be treated as having continued without interruption.

8. Why does the amendment include retroactive effect and ratification language?

That language is included to avoid uncertainty if final approvals occur after June 30, 2026. It confirms that the participating districts approve and confirm the continued operation of SWWC during any period between July 1, 2026, and the effective date of the amendment.

9. Does the amendment change the substantive operating terms of the existing Agreement?

No. Except for extending the term and adding related transition, effectiveness, ratification, and legal-governance language, the amendment does not otherwise change the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement.

10. Will the District have financial obligations under the extended Agreement?

The amendment itself does not create new financial terms. The existing Agreement will remain in full force and effect for the extension period, so the District's rights and obligations will continue to be governed by the existing Agreement, as amended.

11. Who is authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the District?

The proposed Board resolution authorizes the Superintendent to execute the amendment on behalf of the District. The amendment also includes a signature-authority statement confirming that each individual signing has been duly authorized to execute the amendment on behalf of the applicable participating district.

12. Does the amendment affect student programming for the 2026-2027 school year?

The purpose of the amendment is to support continuity of existing CTE programming for the 2026-2027 school year. It is intended to avoid disruption while the districts evaluate future consortium options.

13. Could the Agreement be terminated or amended before June 30, 2027?

Yes, but only in accordance with the terms of the existing Agreement and applicable law. The amendment extends the Agreement through June 30, 2027, unless earlier terminated or further amended in accordance with the Agreement.

14. What is the practical effect of approving the amendment?

Approval allows the District to continue participating in the existing SWWC arrangement for the 2026-2027 year while preserving the Board's ability to separately consider any future Washtenaw-area CTE consortium agreement.

15. What is the practical effect of not approving the amendment?

If the amendment is not approved by the required participating districts, the existing Agreement expires by its terms on June 30, 2026. That creates uncertainty regarding the continued operation, administration, and financial responsibilities of SWWC for the 2026-2027 school year.

16. Is this intended to be a permanent solution?

No. The amendment is intended as a one-year extension and transition period. It preserves the current arrangement while the participating districts review and evaluate future CTE consortium options.

17. What should the Board motion accomplish?

The Board motion should approve the amendment in substantially the form presented, authorize the Superintendent to sign it on behalf of the District, acknowledge that the extension does not commit the District to any future Washtenaw-area CTE consortium, and authorize administration to take any necessary steps to implement the action.

DRAFT BOARD OF EDUCATION MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to Approve An Amendment to the South and West Washtenaw Consortium Agreement, as presented, which extends the existing SWWC Agreement through June 30, 2027, authorizes the Superintendent to execute the amendment, preserves continuity of existing CTE programming during the transition period, and confirms that approval does not commit the District to participate in any future Washtenaw-area CTE consortium or related agreement.