

**REPORT NAME:** High School Credit Recovery Summer School – Educere

**REPORT OF:** Instruction Infrastructure

**FOR:** Information

**APPLICABLE LAW AND/OR POLICY:** 2210 – Curriculum Development

**STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT:** Board Strategic Plan Goals II & III – Instruction & Technology

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT:** Objective 4: Create an ethos of nurturing support that ensures all students can reach their highest potential through a system that prohibits any student to flounder or fail.

**FISCAL FUND IMPACT:** 31A

**IMPACT AMOUNT:** \$78,000

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:** : The Administration recommends approval of a contract with Educere to provide an online High School Credit Recovery Summer School program for Southfield Public Schools students. Educere is a Michigan-approved online learning provider offering a comprehensive, standards-aligned credit recovery platform designed to serve students who have failed one or more courses required for high school graduation. The program will be administered by district staff and online teachers available to eligible high school students during the summer. This initiative directly supports the district's commitment to ensuring every student has a pathway to on-time graduation and postsecondary readiness.

**COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:** The total cost of the Educere credit recovery program is \$78,000. This investment provides a cost-effective alternative to students repeating full-year courses, which carries significantly higher per-pupil costs in instructional staff time, facilities, and materials. Credit recovery through Educere allows students to recover only the specific units of credit they need, reducing time to completion and increasing district graduation rates. Each student who graduates on time also supports the district's per-pupil funding and long-term enrollment stability. The return on investment is both fiscal and academic, with measurable outcomes in graduation rate improvement.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Educere in an amount not to exceed \$78,000

**IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:** If this contract is not approved, high school students who have failed required courses will not have access to a structured, accredited credit recovery option during the summer. This will result in delayed graduation timelines, increased risk of students dropping out, and a negative impact on the district's overall graduation rate. Students may also lose academic momentum, making it more difficult to remain on track for postsecondary opportunities. Additionally, without a formalized program, the district may face increased costs associated with retaining over-age and

credit-deficient students in the following school year.

**NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:** If approved, the Educere Summer invoices would be processed for the High School Credit Recovery Program.