



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 Request -CUBE Conference

We recommend the approval of travel expenditures for two Board members to attend the Council of Urban Boards Education (CUBE) in Chicago, IL, October 1 - 3, 2026.

The Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Annual Conference is a premier professional development opportunity designed specifically for school board members serving urban school districts. The conference provides Board members with current information on effective governance, student achievement, educational policy, fiscal stewardship, equity, and innovative practices that address the unique opportunities and challenges facing urban public schools. Attendees have the opportunity to collaborate with board members and educational leaders from across the nation, strengthening governance practices while gaining practical knowledge and resources to support informed decision-making aligned with the District's strategic priorities and commitment to student success.

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.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve travel expenditures for two Board members to attend the Council of Urban Boards Education (CUBE) in Chicago, IL, October 1 - 3, 2026, with total costs not to exceed \$7,600.

Investment Period: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Total Investment: Not to exceed \$7,600
Funding Source: Board of Education Travel Budget

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