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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Luke Meinert, Superintendent

SUBJECT: FY26 Recommended Budget Adjustments

A number of adjustments have been made from the Proposed Budget to the Recommended Budget based on updated revenue estimates, new investments, the restoration of previously cut items, the addition of newly cut items, and numerous technical adjustments that occur throughout the budget process.

The Recommended Budget reflects an increase of \$105K in local revenue compared to the amount requested in the Proposed Budget, due to an increase in building rental fees. No changes have been made to the Local Contribution request or to assumptions regarding state revenue. Administration will continue to monitor revenue projections in preparation for any needed adjustments between the Recommended and Approved Budgets.

The increase in Elementary and Secondary PTR found in the Proposed Budget has been partially reduced in the Recommended Budget, which will restore 10.0 FTE Elementary, 4.0 FTE Middle School, and 4.6 FTE High School teacher positions. Elementary, Middle School, and High School PTRs stand at 26, 29, and 32 respectively. New reductions found in the Recommended Budget are the elimination of 2.5 FTE Barnette teacher positions, the reduction of \$1.04 million in salaries and benefits attributed to anticipated vacancies, a reduction in the Curriculum budget of \$270K, and the elimination of a \$650K payment intended for the replacement of staff laptops. A new investment in the Recommended Budget is the establishment of BEST Home school sites at both the Two Rivers and Midnight Sun buildings.