



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Frank Mendoza, Director of Building Operations
Date: September 8, 2026
Re: LED Lighting Upgrades

The District has been working with ROI Energy for nearly two years on a comprehensive LED lighting upgrade project. The first phase will address eight of the District's most needed buildings, replacing outdated interior and exterior lighting. The buildings include: Eugene Field Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Earl Hanson Elementary, Ridgewood Elementary, Denkmann Elementary, Rock Island Academy, Longfellow Liberal Arts, and Horace Mann Early Learning.

The total project cost is \$842,843, with MidAmerican funding approximately 32% of the project cost. The District's share of \$569,182 will be funded through the Operations & Maintenance Fund. The project is expected to generate more than \$70,000 in annual energy savings.

ROI Energy is contracted through the TIPS cooperative purchasing contract, which provides for competitively procured pricing. MidAmerican Energy requires participating projects to utilize electrical contractors that have been approved through its program. ROI Energy makes every effort to utilize qualified local contractors when available, while also ensuring that all contractor requirements established by MidAmerican Energy are met.

The remaining District buildings will be revisited over the next 18–24 months. With the current energy savings agreements available through the company and government programs ending in 2027, the District wants to establish a reasonable timeline for completion and maximize the available savings opportunities. To allow for unforeseen fixture counts or minor adjustments identified during installation, we are recommending authorization not to exceed \$595,000. Any unused portion of the authorized amount would not be expended.

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the installation agreement with ROI Energy, 978 E 2000 Road, Eudora, KS 66025 for LED lighting upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$595,000.

Investment Period: N/A
Total Investment: Not to exceed \$595,000
Funding Source: Operations & Maintenance Fund

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