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Item: CareerPrep 2030 - SchoolLinks

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RECOMMENDATION

Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) have been established between Kent ISD and five new school districts for system setup, staff training, and implementation during the 2026-2027 school year. Those districts include Thornapple Kellogg, Sparta, Grandville, Forest Hills, and Cedar Springs. These districts will seek reimbursement from Kent ISD, in accordance with the MOUs, for portions of their SchoolLinks implementation costs in the spring of 2026. For awareness, copies of each district's executed MOUs have been provided with this submitted agenda item.

BACKGROUND

SchoolLinks is a dynamic College and Career Readiness platform that enhances the Educational Development Plan (EDP) process and boosts student engagement in Career and Technical Education (CTE). It equips students with tools to explore career pathways, connect with industry professionals, access internships, build talent portfolios, and track certifications—aligning their goals with coursework and post-secondary plans. The platform also fosters collaboration among students, educators, families, and industry partners to ensure strong support systems.

Aligned with CareerPrep 2030's vision that all students graduate with an informed career plan, Kent ISD's College and Career Readiness department aims to support the implementation of SchoolLinks countywide. This includes assisting local districts in implementing the platform and seeking reimbursement for related costs. The implementation of SchoolLinks in districts across Kent ISD, combined with College and Career Readiness professional development, will play a key role in preparing students for a competitive workforce and achieving the broader goals of CareerPrep 2030.

The goal is to add additional school districts to the MOU by 2030. Although districts are not required to partner in county-wide implementation, additional districts will begin participating each school year, based on their readiness and intent to participate.