



Executive Summary Board of Education Meeting

DATE: May 7, 2026

TOPIC: Frontline Financial Planning Analytics FY27 Implementation & Annual Subscription

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The Board of Education approves purchases over \$10,000.

The District currently has a Frontline Education Master Services Agreement established due to the long-running Staff Attendance and Applicant Tracking subscription services.

SD74 has benefitted from maintaining an adequate operational fund balance over recent years. Unique circumstances have begun to appear in the current fiscal year which the District has been able to navigate without the need to borrow funds, as some Cook County districts have done.

Cook County property tax distributions have been delayed, incomplete, difficult to anticipate, and arduous to track since the Treasurer's online password-protected system displays distribution and refund data only up through October 31, 2025. To be clear, Cook County has offered some data. Their office resorted to the practice of sending multiple emails indicating distribution amounts in a piecemeal fashion.

Furthermore, FY26 has served up some shocking double-digit percentage increases relative to next year's invoices that were already substantial District expenditures. HMO plans will increase by 17.4%, PPO plans go up by 17.5%, and IPRF indicates SD74 can expect a workers' compensation increase of nearly 30%.

The Administration believes this is an opportune time to implement a financial forecasting system that is agile enough to run future multi-year projections based on actual historical fund data and estimates from any number of expenditure/revenue scenarios.

Fiscal Impact:

\$2,200 Implementation Fee

\$12,000 Annual Service July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

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\$14,200 Total

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Agreement from Frontline Education for the Financial Planning Analytics Implementation and Subscription in the amount of \$14,200 from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.