



**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: June 2nd, 2026  
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Ms. Mariza Martinez, Assistant Director of Resilience Education Center  
Subject: Back to School Fair Supply Kits

**Issue:**

East Aurora School District 131 is committed to supporting our students and families. As part of this commitment, we are requesting to purchase backpacks and school supply kits to be distributed during our annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Providing students with access to backpacks and school supply kits ensures they are equipped with the tools to start the school year prepared and confident. Our Back to School Fair also serves as a gateway for families to connect with additional community resources.

**Justification:**

The purchase of backpacks and school supply kits is essential to ensuring that East Aurora students begin the school year equipped with the tools needed for academic success. Providing these resources helps reduce barriers for families, promotes equitable access to school supplies, and supports student readiness on the first day of school.

**Board Policy and Past Practice:**

In recent years, the District has purchased and distributed backpacks and school supply kits through its annual Back-to-School Fair. This tradition has supported students and families by providing essential school supplies while connecting them to valuable district and community resources. The event continues to attract strong participation and serves as an important opportunity to promote family engagement, student readiness, and a successful start to the school year.

**Strategic Plan:**

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal # 1 Educational Equity, which states *East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment, and Strategic Goal #4 Student Achievement, which states East Aurora School District 131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.*

**Supporting Data:**

Previous year's data from the District's annual Back-to-School Fair demonstrates a consistent need for backpacks and school supply kits. The District has distributed more than 3,000 backpacks and supply kits in previous years, providing direct support to students and families while increasing access to essential school materials.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of backpacks and supply kits in the amount of \$43,409, as part of East Aurora School District 131's ongoing commitment to promoting the academic success of all students.

**Timeline for Decision:**

July, 2026

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