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SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: June 15, 2026
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Ami Engel, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Subject: Aurora Fire Museum and Kids Matter Partnership

Issue:

East Aurora School District 131 is committed to preparing students for postsecondary success through meaningful college and career readiness experiences. The Skills for Success course is designed to equip students with essential life, career, and workplace skills while providing opportunities to earn nationally recognized certifications that enhance future educational and employment opportunities.

Justification:

To support the Skills for Success course, instructors will be needed along with contracting with two community partners. The community partners will provide national certifications for our students. Aurora Fire Museum will provide our students instruction to receive their first aid, AED, and Red Cross CPR two-year certification, and Kids Matter will provide our students instruction to receive a three-year Youth Mental Health First Aid certification.

Board Policy and Past Practice:

The Board of Education has consistently supported programs, partnerships, and staffing structures that enhance student learning and prepare students for postsecondary success. Providing students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials aligns with the District's longstanding commitment to career readiness, workforce development, and equitable access to high-quality educational experiences.

Strategic Plan:

This proposal supports Strategic Goal #1 Educational Equity: East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by providing opportunities to decrease the gaps of college enrollment and career preparedness and Strategic Goal #4, Student Achievement: East Aurora School District 131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap and preparing students for success in reading and math on national assessments.

Supporting Data:

There are 300 students in 9th grade enrolling in the Skills for Success course. These students will have the opportunity to develop skills towards postsecondary success.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Aurora Fire Museum and Kids Matter Partnership in the amount of \$94,500, paid for through Title funds.

Timeline for Decision:

July 6th, 2026

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