



Subject: Modified Supplemental Amount Application – Dropout Prevention (DOP)

Please find the completed application for Modified Supplemental Amount – Dropout Prevention for 2026-2027. Board approval is required for this application as certified with the Department of Education by January 15, 2026. The budget proposal for FY2027 is \$7,656,551 which is the funding source for various learning support programs and services, including:

- Elizabeth Tate High School
- Career Development
- Credit Recovery programs
- Academic Supports
- Behavior Supports
- Mental Health Supports - School Based Youth Services
- Student and Family Advocates
- Counselors
- Nurses

Modified Supplemental Amount for DOP is a funding mechanism to assist districts in providing targeted services and programs for students at the local level. The budget is funded with property taxes levied for 75% of the budget (\$5,742,413) and a required match from district general funds (\$1,914,138) and is deemed categorical funding to be used specifically for the purpose of providing programming for students identified as returning and potential dropouts, as defined in Iowa Code Section 257.39:

“Returning dropouts” are resident pupils who have been enrolled in a public or nonpublic school in any of grades seven through twelve who withdrew from school for a reason other than transfer to another school or school district and who subsequently enrolled in a public school in the district.

“Potential dropouts” are resident pupils who are enrolled in a public or nonpublic school who demonstrate poor school adjustment as indicated by two or more of the following:

- High rate of absenteeism, truancy or frequent tardiness
- Limited or no extracurricular participation or lack of identification with school, including but not limited to, expressed feelings of not belonging
- Poor grades, including but not limited to, failing in one or more school subjects or grade levels
- Low achievement scores in reading or mathematics which reflects achievement at two years or more below grade level
- Children in grades kindergarten through three who meet the definition of at-risk children adopted by the department of education.

Approval of this application to the SBRC requires board action. Please provide the following motion:

Request to the SBRC for MSA for the At-Risk/Dropout Program: Motion to approve the request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for the Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) in the amount \$7,656,551 for the 2026-2027 At-Risk/Dropout Plan.