



**To:** Members of the Board of Education

**From:** Dennis L. Carpenter, Ed.D.  
Katie Roe, Assistant Superintendent Academic Services

**Date:** May 21, 2026

**RE:** T&L Welding MOU Renewal for 26-27 SY

**Rationale:**

Administration is seeking Board of Education approval for the 26-27 renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with T&L Welding Academy to expand high-quality college & career readiness opportunities for secondary students. This partnership directly supports the district's strategic priorities of increasing postsecondary readiness, strengthening workforce-aligned pathways, and ensuring equitable access to industry-recognized certifications. Welding is a high-demand skilled trade in the Kansas City region and beyond, offering students immediate employment opportunities as well as pathways to apprenticeships, community college credit, and industry certifications.

**Background information:**

This is the 4th year of partnership with T&L Welding. Approximately 90% of students participating in the program each year successfully complete the requirements and participate in the American Welding Society (AWS) certification exam.

**Cost Analysis:**

Cost is assigned on a per student basis at the following rates:

- Fast Track Welding Program: \$3500/student
- Combination Welding Program: \$6500/student

Tuition is paid for out of the Academic Services Instructional Tuition Budget.

**Connection with District initiatives and Board Policy:**

CSIP Alignment: Pillar B, Our Schools, Focus Area 5: Success Ready Students

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends renewal of the T&L Welding MOU for the 26-27 SY.