

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271**  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION**

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: April 24, 2017

SUBJECT: **Withdrawal from TIES Consortium**

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: School Board

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**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:**

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes and directs its Superintendent to issue a Notice of Withdrawal of the District's membership in the Technology and Information Educational Services [TIES] consortium effective June 30, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Approve.

**DETAILED BACKGROUND:**

Bloomington Public Schools has been a member of the TIES consortium for many years, using several major software products including TSIS (TIES Student Information System) and TIES HR/Finance database system.

In spring 2015, TIES decided to discontinue TSIS and in 2016 to discontinue the HR/Finance database system. Bloomington Schools has adopted new systems and supporting services to replace each of these (see 6/15/16 discontinuation letter attached). In spring 2017, TIES adopted a new fee schedule increasing the cost of membership in the consortium from \$3.10 per student to \$5.00 per student.

Given the transition to new services and the higher fee structure, Administration recommends withdrawal from the TIES consortium effective June 30, 2018.

The District's legal counsel has drafted a notice of withdrawal (see attached).