



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with Bend-La Pine Schools to continue the Healthy Schools program collaboration

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document No. 2025-525, an intergovernmental agreement with Bend-La Pine Schools for the Healthy Schools program.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) and Bend-La Pine Schools (BLS) implemented the Healthy Schools collaboration in 2021. This program places Public Health Specialist in 14 Bend-La Pine high schools and associated feeder schools which together serve an estimated student population of more than 9,600.

The Public Health Specialists serve as experts addressing the health needs of students and their families. Schools are efficient locations for public health interventions for youth, especially as adolescents spend nearly half of their waking hours at school for 13 years of their critical developmental life. Healthy School program staff work directly with administrators, counselors, staff, parents and students to improve adolescent health, promote access to learning, and reduce risk-taking behaviors.

Healthy Schools is seeing positive program outcomes—metrics can be viewed online at www.deschutes.org/healthyschools. A formal evaluation of the impact of Healthy Schools will be completed by the end of Fall 2025.

The proposed intergovernmental agreement would provide \$578,254 of match funding for fiscal year (FY) 2026.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Up to \$578,254 revenue for FY 26. County will invoice BLS quarterly.

ATTENDANCE:

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