



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Jody Meza, City Librarian

SUBJECT: Student Cards MOU between Orland Library and Orland Unified School District

BACKGROUND: Over the last year, OUSD staff and OFL staff have built a strong relationship working to improve literacy skills and access to reading material to our shared constituency. The goal of both organizations is to increase literacy and educational success through a strategic and sustainable collaboration. In order to achieve this, the Library and the District seek to build a strong relationship at the administrative level in order to work together more collaboratively and demonstrate measurable impact.

ANALYSIS: The MOU and data sharing agreement will allow OUSD and OFL to utilize an infrastructure that will allow OUSD students to easily access and use the Orland Free Library's electronic and print resources freely through the use of a joint Student ID/Library Card known as the Student Success Card. The Student Success Card will focus on supporting Orland students' education and launching them into a successful career and life with a library card that will provide the benefits of life-long learning. Similar collaborations between public libraries and school districts have resulted in significant improvements in student reading scores with proficiency rates increasing between 10% to 70%.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the project.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

Library cards will be created digitally so there will be minimal personnel time and no anticipated impact to general fund.