

Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: July 20, 2023

TOPIC: Writable, Inc. | Lincoln Hall

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Recommended for:

□ Action

□ Discussion

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Purpose/Background:

Writable is an online platform that provides a great deal of flexibility with regard to writing assignments. It contains over 1,000 pre-made writing assignments in content areas including social studies, literature, and science. These assignments are customizable to fit the individual needs of all of the students. Teachers also have the ability to create their own writing assignments to meet the unique needs of each of their classes. Writable provides real-time feedback to students on their grammar and writing style. Teachers will also have the ability to customize their own feedback and instruction using the provided rubrics, or rubrics of their own creation. Assignments and rubrics can be connected to state and district standards for better vertical alignment among the grade levels.

Furthermore, Writable encourages students to think and write creatively and to avoid plagiarism. It checks for originality to ensure that students are not simply repeating something they wrote in a previous assignment or that another classmate wrote, but also that they did not plagiarize from other artificial intelligence sources such as ChatGPT, one of the biggest concerns currently facing teachers with regard to originality in writing assignments.

Writable also works with Schoology and Google Classroom, making it easy for Lincoln Hall teachers to integrate into their lesson plans. With Writable, Lincoln Hall students will get quicker, more personalized feedback, see consistent rubrics and terminology used in the evaluation of their writing

from all content-area teachers, and have more opportunities to practice both brief and longer writing assignments.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of a one-year subscription to Writable, Inc. for all students at Lincoln Hall is \$3,168 (or \$9 paper student) for the 2023-2024 school year.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the one-year subscription Writable, Inc. in the amount of \$3,168 for the 2023-2024 school year.