



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: February 16, 2023

TOPIC: Language Access Resource Center (LARC) Interpretation Services

PREPARED BY: David Russo

Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The District has been searching for an on-demand, reliable interpretation service for Special Education and other parent meetings. Currently, there are five Township districts that use LARC for translators (Districts 68, 69, 70, 73.5, and NTDSE). LARC offers both on-demand and in-person translators with no minimum usage fee per month. In order for SD74 to use their services, we need to sign a Service Agreement.

Legal Counsel had no concerns with the LARC contract documents. The only potential issue was that the Agreement does not specify a court venue for dispute resolution. Counsel noted the organization is based in DuPage County; therefore, disputes would likely either be referred to Cook or DuPage Counties. Given the size and ad hoc nature of the contract services, Counsel did not see any reason to push for Cook County exclusively as we often do with vendors.

Fiscal Impact:

We have used the previous service twice in the last year totaling \$155. LARC rates are \$65.00/hour for in-person and \$1.65/minute for telephonic on-demand services.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve this Service Agreement from Language Access Resource Center (LARC) for on-demand interpretation services.