



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 18, 2023

TOPIC: Renaissance Learning Renewal of FastBridge for 2023-2024

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) system was developed based on research from the University of Minnesota in 2003. It includes both curriculum-based measures (for screening and progress monitoring) and computer-adaptive assessment measures (for diagnostic). This tool has been used across the Township since 2018 as an evaluation to benchmark all students in reading and math and progress monitor ongoing performance for those students receiving academic support services.

In 2018, the Board approved an initial Agreement for FastBridge. Up to this point, the Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) managed the account for the Township and billed member districts. This year, NTDSE informed us that each district would be responsible for managing and renewing their account.

Since the original adoption, the FastBridge platform has been purchased by Renaissance Learning. Therefore, Legal Counsel reviewed the previous Terms and Conditions and Amendment signed in 2018. Counsel determined a new Amendment with Renaissance Learning should be authored. The vendor agreed to all terms. Additionally, an Illinois-National Data Privacy Agreement (IL-NDPA) was authored for SOPPA compliance. Again, Counsel reviewed this document and it met with approval.

Fiscal Impact:

\$7,080.06

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve this Agreement with Renaissance Learning for renewal of FastBridge for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$7,080.06.