

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DATE: April 1, 2015
TO: Dr. Randy A. Liepa
Superintendent
FROM: Sheila A. Alles

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Text to Speech Software

One of the supports available to students on the new state assessment, M-STEP, is for students to have the text read to them. In order for our students to have experience with this type of support, I am requesting the district purchase a Text to Speech software program which, if approved, will be installed on student computers throughout the district.

Members of the Student Services Department have researched Text to Speech software programs and are recommending the district purchase a three-year subscription to Snap&Read Universal. Please find attached a memo from Jen Taiariol, Administrator of Student Services, which includes details to support this request. Also attached is a purchase quote from the sole vendor provider of this software.

The purchase of this software is an allowable expense using the district's Technology Readiness Integration Grant (TRIG) because it supports our readiness for the state assessment. I have reviewed this expense with Mr. Tim Klan and he supports the purchase using TRIG funds.

Please consider including this item on the Curriculum portion of the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information on this topic.

Attachments