

Denton Independent School District
SchooLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform Software Purchase
April 13, 2021

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quote from SchooLinks in the amount of \$324,395.00 for the purchase of a three-year subscription, to run July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, to SchooLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform to include implementation, professional development, and student licenses.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For the past several years, Denton ISD has utilized Naviance as our college and career readiness platform. Over a year ago the CCMR (College Career Military Readiness) committee began investigating other college and career platforms that had more robust offerings than Naviance. SchooLinks, is a Texas based company that is very familiar with Texas requirements for graduation, endorsements, and CCMR. The company has built its product to support these requirements. Like Naviance, SchooLinks will be the vehicle through which middle school students will develop personal graduation plans and take several assessments to learn about their interests and aptitudes. Our high school students will utilize SchooLinks for college and career exploration, college applications, goal setting, and portfolio development. Additionally, SchooLinks will help campuses monitor students and their CCMR attainment.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The SchooLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform Software will be purchased through Denton ISD RFP #2011-18. This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne through the Instructional Materials Allotment budget.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow the District to continue its mission in ensuring every student is college, career, and life ready.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quote from SchooLinks in the amount of \$324,395.00 for the purchase of a three-year subscription, to run July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, to SchooLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform to include implementation, professional development, and student licenses be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer
Amy Lawrence, Director of Counseling
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENTS:

SchooLinks, a Modern College and Career Readiness Platform Software Purchase Contract

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____