



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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TOPIC: District Purchasing Update

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

This document provides the Finance Committee with an update of ongoing District renewals and/or purchases that will not require Board Approval based on criteria adopted in May 2023.

Items for Finance Committee Review:

□ **ZOOM Renewal for 2026-2027**

- ZOOM is the digital platform that Lincolnwood School District 74 uses for staff members to host video conferences between students, families, colleagues, and administrators.
- The District has three Pro Licenses of this software for three of the District Administrators including the Superintendent, Director of Special Education and Student Services Coordinator..
- \$479.69 for 3 users. The District paid \$479.69 for the three users during the 2025-2026 school year.

● **BookFlix**

- The District's subscription to Bookflix, produced by Scholastic Inc. is up for renewal.
- Bookflix is a service that provides students in grades PreK-3 the ability to follow along and read books independently online or during whole group instruction within a classroom setting.
- With Bookflix, students are provided access to hundreds of fiction and nonfiction texts that are animated as well as displaying the text in front of them.
- This tool has been widely used by all teachers and students for many years, seamlessly fitting into every reading curriculum in the primary grades.

- \$1,243. The District paid \$1,219 during the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Vivi Renewal for 2026-2027**
 - Vivi is the manufacturer of the small electronic digital signage devices used throughout the District which are all connected to the Vivi Cloud based application.
 - The Vivi players are connected to our network displaying various content and signage that's been created by our Director of Communications and Community Relations and displayed in all buildings.
 - \$716 - The District paid \$2,148 for the initial cost of the devices and the services with them for the 25-26 school year.
- **Kings 3 Upgrade 2026-2027**
 - Kings III is one of our vendors that specializes in elevator and emergency communications and specializes in replacing outdated telephone circuits with redundant cellular technology.
 - Recent changes in local codes now dictate that elevators equipped with video cameras for emergency 2 way communication must be deemed operational at all times, which includes the one at Rutledge Hall.
 - The District contacted Kings 3 to come up with a solution to bring our elevator up to local codes as well as enhance the functionality of the system.
 - \$86.70 - The District currently pays \$78.34 per month for the devices and the services in 2 locations during the 25-26 school year.
- **Starfall Renewal for 2026-2027**
 - The Starfall.com website is used for Reading and Language Development. This website is primarily used with our EL population and places emphasis on literacy development, offering a number of activities focused on phonics, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
 - Starfall helps the children build a solid foundation in language skills.
 - \$355 - Lincolnwood School District 74 paid Starfall \$355 during the 25-26 school year.