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SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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To: East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Ami Engel, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Language, & Assessment
Subject: ECRA Strategic Data Partnership

**BACKGROUND**

East Aurora School District 131 is committed to using data to inform instructional decisions, monitor student progress, and support continuous school improvement. The district currently employs a data team consisting of five data analysts, the Assessment and Data Coordinator, and the Associate Superintendent of Data and Analytics.

Under the current model, the data team is responsible for reviewing and analyzing student achievement data and developing dashboards that provide school leaders with information to support school improvement planning and instructional decision-making. This process is laborious, requiring significant staff time to prepare, analyze, and organize data before it can be used by schools. As part of the district's ongoing fiscal right-sizing efforts, the district has an opportunity to maintain and strengthen data support for schools while reducing the cost and time associated with developing and maintaining data dashboards.

**SUMMARY**

The district is requesting approval for a four-year partnership (2026-2030) with the ECRA Group to implement its strategic data dashboard. This partnership will provide school leaders and teachers with immediate access to comprehensive student achievement and growth data to support school improvement planning, monitor student progress, and project student growth.

The Associate Superintendent of Data and Analytics is retiring at the end of the year and the position will not be replaced. This will provide a cost savings, and the proposed partnership will allow the district to maintain comprehensive data support while making more effective use of staff time and resources.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The proposed ECRA partnership is a four-year contract running from July 2026 through June 2030, with a total cost of $296,000. The Associate Superintendent of Data and Analytics salary over the upcoming 3 years would be $585,000. By not replacing this position and using ECRA this will generate an estimated four-year savings of $289,000. This approach will provide staff with comprehensive data dashboards, access to outside data expertise, and continued support from district personnel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a four-year partnership with the ECRA Group to provide strategic data support at a total cost of $296,000.