# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**To:**          Board of Education Members
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**From:**       Patrick Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools
              Dr. Luis DeLeon. Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools
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              Patrick King, Senior Director of Finance

**Re:**          Contract and Contract Renewals Exceeding $25,000 (Teaching and Learning)

**Date:**       June 13, 2023

## Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to request approval for the procurement of instructional materials and professional learning for the Teaching and Learning department that involves contract and contract renewals that exceed $25,000.  The current vendors that require consideration for approval are outlined below by category. The contract obligations total $452,344.82. A document with additional detail can be found here:  SY24 Contracts in Excess of $25,000 (6.2023)

## Instructional Materials

The below outlines the instructional materials and supports (both print and digital) leveraged in all classrooms to support literacy skill acquisition and fine motor skill development.  Lexia is currently available for students in classrooms serving students from kindergarten through eighth grade.  Handwriting Without Tears is available in classrooms supporting students from kindergarten through second grade. The total spending amount is anticipated to be $73,000.

| Vendor Name | Contracted Service Type | Total Amount (SY24) |
|---|---|---|
| Lexia | Instructional Materials | $48,000.00 |
| Handwriting Without Tears | Instructional Materials | $25,000.00 |

## Mastery of Standards

A balanced assessment system effectively measures the depth and breadth of student learning and monitors student progress towards college and career readiness. Key to a balanced assessment system are measures that provide districtwide information about the mastery of standards.  The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), developed by NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association), is a computerized adaptive test, given to students in grades K-8, that measures a child's academic growth

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from season to season and year to year in the areas of mathematics, reading, and language usage. aimswebPlus offers nationally-normed, skills-based benchmark assessments and progress monitoring integrated into one application across reading and math domains. aimswebPlus is given three times a year for students who a achieve a score below the 40th percentile on the NWEA (the district's universal screener).  MasteryConnect benchmark assessments are designed to provide information on what students should know and be able to do by the end of the year as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education.  Additionally, MasteryConnect is the only District 97 benchmark assessment that measures student proficiency on **all** priority standards. MasteryConnect benchmark assessments serve as a compass for how students are progressing with their understanding of the Illinois Learning Standards at various points throughout the school year and are administered three times a year in grades four through eight. The anticipated spending amounts to $199,344.82.

| Vendor Name | Contracted Service Type | Total Amount (SY24) |
|---|---|---|
| aimsWebPlus | Student Growth Measure | $75,000.00 |
| NWEA MAP | Student Growth Measure | $75,465.00 |
| Instructure MasteryConnect (Grades:4-8) | Instructional Materials AND Professional Learning | $48,879.82 |

**Clinical Services**

Social emotional health and well being is a critical for students.  The district is seeking to renew its contract with the Oak Park Mental Health Board and DePaul University to support Tier 2 services at elementary schools and to contine to provide targeted support to the middle schools. The total anticipated spending amounts to $180,000.

| Vendor Name | Contracted Service Type | Total Amount (SY24) |
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| DePaul University Partnership (current) | Clinical Services | $90,000.00 |
| Funding Partnership with District 97 and Depaul University (Tier 2 Expansion) (current agreement) | Clinical Services | $90,000.00 |