



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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DATE: September 21, 2023

TOPIC: District Purchasing Update(s)

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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 2023-2024
  - Teachers within the District use this Nearpod to provide interactive activities to lessons to engage students and provide opportunity for interaction and immediate feedback by having them draw on a maps or diagram ideas, respond to a poll question, post a note or images to a collaboration board, take a multiple-choice quiz, or participate in a gamified challenge.
  - **\$299.80** The District paid \$299.80 for the same services for the 22-23 school year.
- Proquest/CultureGrams Renewal for 2023-2024
  - CultureGrams provides students in all grades access to reliable, and up-to-date cultural content, fostering an understanding and appreciation of the world's countries and peoples. CultureGrams is one of the most trusted and widely used cultural reference and curriculum products found in education, government, and non-profit arenas.
  - **\$1308.69** The District paid \$1264.43 for the same services for the 22-23 school year.

- Scholastic BookFlix Renewal for 2023-2024
  - 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.
  - **\$1195.** The District paid \$1172 during the 2022-2023 School year.
  
- Heartland Business Systems Renewals for 2023-2024
  - The District has been using the company Heartland Business Systems for the past few years to service and support our Mitel VOIP phone system.
  - The support on the Mitel phone system is provided to the District in two parts. The first is called the Mitel Software Assurance, which is a renewal on each of the phone servers, located in each building. The second is the Mitel Support Service Agreement. The MSSA provides the details of services ranging from both critical and non-critical incidents, System updates and patching up to the replacement of equipment.
  - **\$6320.00** For Mitel Support Service Agreement. The District paid \$6257.49 during the 2022-2023 School year for the Mitel Support Service Agreement.
  - **\$1,285.57** For Mitel Software Assurance. The District paid \$1018.80 during the 2022-2023 School year for the Mitel Software Assurance.
  
- Lincoln Hall Musical - Northlight Theatre Artistic Staffing
  - The District is renewing a partnership with Northlight Theatre in Skokie to provide choreography and artistic mentorship support to the directors of the Lincoln Hall Musical. There is a relatively inexperienced group of SD74 directors and the team benefitted from the knowledge, suggestions, and resources provided by Northlight last year. The scope of the partnership is the same as for the 2023 musical.
  - **\$5,500** for the 2024 musical. The District paid \$5,100 in 2023 for the performance.
  
- Explore Learning | Gizmos
  - The District has been using Explore Learning’s Gizmos product for the past few years in our middle school science program.
  - This program provides an interactive lab report function, along with interactive science lab experiences for students. This program is widely used across all three middle school science classes.
  - The fiscal impact will be \$2,070 for 13 months. The District previously paid \$2,947.50 for 18 months.