



To: Harlem School District #122 Board Members
Dr. Terrell Yarbough, Superintendent
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

From: Rebecca Logan, Director of Elementary Education

RE: HMH Amira & Waggle Programs

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Harlem has adopted the HMH, Into Reading Curriculum to support literacy in grades K - 5 at all elementary schools. HMH offers some supplemental programs that can be used to support readers as well. We are requesting to add Amira licenses for all 1st and 2nd grade students to provide an additional layer of support in literacy to early learners, and Waggle licenses for students in grades 3-5.

Purchase Amira

Oral reading and fluency are key focuses to literacy in the early years of elementary school. Amira is an AI assistant that assesses the accuracy, rate, and prosody of reading fluency and provides targeted and explicit instruction and practice in the areas of phonics and fluency to support the development of oral reading and fluency. Using School Improvement Grant Funds, Loves Park Elementary has purchased these licenses to support oral reading and fluency skills for younger students and students in need of the development of such skills. We would like to add licenses for all 1st and 2nd grade students across the district. Amira will also support the ability to screen students in the Spanish language.

Cost - \$12,600 for a 1 year agreement for 700 licenses, funded with Title Grants.

Purchase Waggle

As oral reading and fluency advance, we are also asking to purchase Waggle to further support the Into Reading program. Waggle is an adaptive AI engine that aligns with the Into Reading Curriculum and provides students with personalized and focused practice to support a deeper understanding and expertise in each skill area. Waggle provides teachers with detailed information about individual and class skill development of all students, allowing teachers to easily group students for extra practice and small group instruction.

Cost - \$21,150 for a 1 year agreement for 1,175 licenses, funded with Title Grants.

