



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: November 17, 2022

TOPIC: Lincoln Hall Musical - Northlight Theatre Artistic Staffing

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The annual Lincoln Hall spring musical has become a time honored tradition in Lincolnwood School District 74 and a marquee event in any school year.

With recent transitions of staff (resignations, retirements, etc.), the individuals slated to take on leadership roles for this year's production are collectively less experienced with musical productions than groups of years past. Therefore, the Administration has discussed finding a partner who can provide mentorship and technical expertise to help build capacity of District staff to benefit this musical and future productions.

We believe to have found that expertise with the Northlight Theatre group based in Skokie. Northlight personnel have extensive experience working in schools and running theater clubs or programs. Members of the Administration have successfully worked with Northlight on these types of endeavors in previous districts.

In this proposal, we are seeking support with Artistic Mentorship and Choreography. The mentorship component will assist the directors with the production including: directorial feedback, rehearsal planning, casting consultation, and rehearsal support (individual actor coaching, rehearsing scenes, etc.). Additionally, Northlight will assist with the design and teaching of the choreography for the musical.

The Proposal calls for 48 hours of Artistic Mentorship and 30 hours of Choreography.

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,100

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to accept this Proposal from Northlight Theatre for Artistic Staffing in the amount of \$5,100 for the 2023 Lincoln Hall Musical.