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To: Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent of Schools

East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education

From: Jalitza Martinez, Associate Superintendent of School Leadership

Subject: WestEd Proposal for Four Domains School and District Improvement Services

The Proposal:

WestEd partners with districts and schools across the country to provide customized, comprehensive research- and evidence-based solutions that meet the unique needs of districts and schools focused on continuous improvement. They are currently working with all our buildings providing school improvement support. We are looking to extend these services utilizing grant funding. This scope of work presents services and support that WestEd is proposing for East Aurora School District 131 for a period from May 1, 2025 (or contract start date) to August 31, 2025 (or contract end date).

Justification

ISBE provided additional funding for us to extend our services with WestEd. The new funding will be applied to support school improvement efforts. WestEd will provide technical and adaptive partnership support to East Aurora School District 131 and identified schools to ensure a robust and rigorous school improvement planning process aligned to the district strategic plan and Four Domains for Rapid School Improvement.

WestEd will also provide technical and adaptive partnership support to East Aurora District 131 and identified schools to ensure improvements in the quality of professional collaboration in PLCs and the quality of evidence-based instructional practices that increase learning and achievement for all students.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

The board approved the original WestEd proposal in August of 2024 and they are currently working with all schools.

Strategic Plan:

This recommendation supports Strategic Goal #1 Educational Equity which states *East Aurora School District* 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment and Strategic Goal #3 Collaborative Leadership which states *East Aurora School District* 131 will engage in the continuous cycle of improvement through collaborative, student-focused, and data-driven leadership teams who will monitor and communicate at all levels. This recommendation also supports Strategic Goal #4

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Student Achievement which states *East Aurora School District 131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.*

Supporting Data:

See attached proposal.

Financial Impact:

Total Cost: \$386,500, funded by Title I-Part A-Section 1003 School Improvement Grant.

This is a fixed price contract inclusive of all related expenses. Two invoices of equal amounts will be submitted on or after May 1, 2025, and June 1, 2025. The total of all invoices for activities shall be \$386,500.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve West Ed Learning Partner Proposal for Continuous School Improvement Planning and implementation for FY25 in the amount of \$386,500.00.

Timeline for Decision

April 7, 2025