



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: January 23rd, 2025

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:

- Novel Effect Renewal for 2024-2025
 - The Library at Todd Hall uses this software application to help transform traditional read-alouds into page-turning adventures for all learners. Novel Effect helps make reading a multi-sensory experience that keeps your readers on the edge of their seats.
 - Through the use of Novel Effect to aid the activity, students gain social connections, help with focused engagement, and learn to read for entertainment.
 - \$49.99 - The District paid \$19 (Black Friday Deal) for the same services for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- Infinite Connections, Inc. Renewal for 2025-2026 School Year
 - Infinite Connections, Inc. has provided Lincolnwood District #74 E-Rate consultation services since 2014.
 - This is the eleventh extension to the contract and the original Agreement.
 - \$4,400 - The consultation fee is identical to the previous year. Lincolnwood School District 74 paid Infinite Connections, Inc. \$4,400 for the 2024-2025 School Year.

- Starfall Renewal for 2025-2026
 - The Starfall.com website is used for Reading and Language Development. This website is primarily used with our EL population and places emphasis on literacy development, offering a number of activities focused on phonics, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
 - Starfall helps the children build a solid foundation in language skills.
 - \$355.00 - Lincolnwood School District 74 paid Starfall \$533.00 in for an 18-month contract that ended in 2024.

- Raptor Renewal for 2025-2026
 - The District uses the Raptor's Visitor Management System to enhance building security by checking a visitor's ID against national databases of registered sex offenders as well as a custom list of prohibited persons and the system provides temporary badges that identify the visitor's name, date, and purpose of visit.
 - \$3475.00 - Lincolnwood School District 74 paid Raptor Technologies \$3300.00 for the 2024-2025 School Year.

- AT&T Project Update
 - The Technology team wanted to highlight that our multi-step project of reviewing and changing the contracts and services with AT&T, has led to a large reduction in overall costs to the District.
 - In November of 2021, the District had contracts in place for Internet, Local Phone lines, Long Distance contracts, Fiber Circuits, PRI circuits, and a multitude of POTS lines being used for redundancy, fax, gas, and elevator service. The Bill for that month was \$4,584.00.
 - As of November 2024, the District has streamlined telephony services into the IPFlex program, eliminated unneeded circuits, consolidated POTS lines by porting them over to the fiber circuits, moved elevator lines to redundant cellular connections and also added backup Internet for some redundancy. The total bills for the month of November 2024 were \$2195.56.