



Date: February 29, 2024
To: Harlem Board of Education
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
From: Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Jacob Hubert, Director of Secondary Education
Re: Extra SIG Grant Funding for Windsor Elementary

Introduction

In January of 2024, the state of Illinois provided all schools identified as being within their three years of school improvement with \$89,000. Windsor Elementary School is in their third year of the three year school improvement cycle. The programs Windsor Elementary is seeking to gain approval for support student learning in the areas of literacy, math, and social emotional learning.

I-Ready MyPath

i-Ready Personalized instruction is used for both reading and math, and aligns with the iReady Benchmark Assessment used to measure student growth in grades K - 8. Once the Diagnostic Assessment is complete, the information gained from this assessment is utilized to create a personalized path of online lessons. This allows students to receive instruction and practice in areas identified through the diagnostic assessment. Teachers have the ability to add lessons and adjust the lesson sequence for their students as needed.

Cost: \$15,120.00

Brain Pop & Brain Pop Jr.

BrainPOP & BrainPOP Jr. are subscription-based educational video, game, and activity sites featuring two recurring characters that teach students about a wide array of topics. BrainPOP Jr. contains videos and content for students in grades K-3 with more simplified topics and vocabulary designed for younger learners. BrainPOP contains videos and content suitable for grades 3-8. Within these platforms, teachers are able to search for specific videos and activities. These search results categorize content by subject, grade, and standards.

Cost: \$5,000

Empowered Problem-Solving online workshop

Empowered Problem-Solving is a six-week, self-paced, six-module workshop designed to help educators understand the importance of incorporating problem-solving skills into mathematics and how to support students when the lesson doesn't go as planned. The author of the workshop is Robert Kaplinsky, who was an educator and educator coach before becoming a nationally renowned professional development provider and professor at UCLA. The Empowered Problem-solving online workshops support the approach used in the ReadyMath curriculum and

will further support the approach used to connect students to understanding mathematics. An online license costs \$414 dollars and will be purchased for twelve staff members.

Cost: \$4,968

Heidy LaFleur - Online Subscription to Pre-Recordings of Social Emotional Alphabet

Heidi LaFleur is a nationally renowned speaker who provides professional development on helping educators understand trauma and the critical importance of social and emotional learning. This subscription provides staff with access to pre-recorded videos and discussion guides to support staff with best practices to support students with their social and emotional needs. Windsor staff will access the subscription throughout the year, and use the videos to facilitate practices to support social and emotional needs of students in the classroom.

Cost: \$3,500