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Item: Leading Educators Service Contract

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Recommended by: Jenny Fee

Board Meeting Date: 10/20/25

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD Board of Education approve the Leading Educators Consulting Services Contract for services provided to the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative (WMTC) in the amount of **\$101,288, which will come from WMTC's 27b Grow Your Own grant** (state code 2483).

BACKGROUND:

Leading Educators is a nationally recognized provider of high-quality professional development for educators. For over a decade, they have partnered with school systems nationwide to design and implement professional learning models that drive sustained instructional improvement. Their track record includes measurable gains in student learning and closing opportunity gaps through research-based, curriculum-specific coaching and professional development.

The scope of work outlined in this contract has been co-created by the Leading Educators team and WMTC staff to ensure alignment with program and grant goals, as well as local needs.

Services will directly support:

- **Mentor Teacher Development:** Building knowledge, skills, and mindsets to effectively coach and support WMTC Residents, helping to ensure high-quality teaching in our region's classrooms.
- **Advanced Degree Pathway Support:** Professional learning sessions will build AI literacy and amplify best practices through engagement in a discovery and hands-on design processes supported by AI coaches, access to Playlab, and the creation of customized AI tools
- **In-Person and Virtual Sessions:** A combination of workshops, virtual office hours, and structured coaching to maximize accessibility and impact.

This investment will build AI literacy and amplify best practices by equipping WMTC participants with training and access to advanced tools, enabling them to deliver more engaging, inclusive, student-centered, and innovative learning experiences for students across the region.