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Item: CareerPrep 2030 - SchoolLinks

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RECOMMENDATION:

SchoolLinks is a dynamic College and Career Readiness platform that enhances the Educational Development Plan (EDP) process and boosts student engagement in Career and Technical Education (CTE). It equips students with tools to explore career pathways, connect with industry professionals, access internships, build talent portfolios, and track certifications—aligning their goals with coursework and post-secondary plans. The platform also fosters collaboration among students, educators, families, and industry partners to ensure strong support systems.

Aligned with CareerPrep 2030's vision that all students graduate with an informed career plan, Kent ISD's College and Career Readiness department aims to support the implementation of SchoolLinks countywide. This includes assisting local districts in implementing the platform and seeking reimbursement for related costs. The implementation of SchoolLinks in districts across Kent ISD, combined with College and Career Readiness professional development, will play a key role in preparing students for a competitive workforce and achieving the broader goals of CareerPrep 2030.

A Memo of Understanding (MOU) has been established as a collaborative framework between Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD) and the local school districts within its jurisdiction to support the implementation of CareerPrep 2030 and SchoolLinks. The purpose of this MOU is to enhance College and Career Readiness opportunities for all high school students, provide better access to CTE and "CTE-Like" programming, and explore career pathways. This includes the established process in the MOU for local school districts to seek reimbursement from Kent ISD for portions of the associated costs of implementing SchoolLinks in connection with implementing College and Career Readiness practices and growing CTE programming opportunities.

Approval is being sought to implement Kent ISD's SchoolLinks Intermediary Platform. This will connect Kent ISD's SchoolLinks platform to the local districts' instances. Approval is also being requested for implementing the Platform One tool at MySchool@Kent.

2025-2026 SchoolLinks Implementation Costs:

- Platform One Implementation (MySchool@Kent): \$2,500.00
- Implementation Setup Costs: \$1,500.00
- Onsite SchoolLinks Training Days (1 Day): \$3,500.00
- Intermediary License: \$10,000.00

Annual Costs

- **2025-2026 = \$ 18,125.00 (Including One-Time Costs)**
- 2026-2027 = \$13,520.00
- 2027-2028 = \$13,921.00

The goal is to add additional school districts to the MOU by 2030. Although districts are not required to partner in county-wide implementation, additional districts will begin participating each school year, based on their readiness and intent to participate. For long-term projections and budgeting, evaluating current Kent ISD local district enrollments from 6th grade through 12th grade provides a predictive maximum budget for implementing this across Kent ISD. Estimates do not include some of the initial implementation costs (Staff Training, Platform Customization, Setup Fees, etc.) or the 3% annual increase, as these costs will depend on the districts that choose to implement and the size of the school district's enrollment. However, this can provide a general estimate of what it would cost if all Kent ISD districts were fully implementing SchooLinks in 2025-2026.

Based on Current Pricing for 2025-26:

- There are approximately 52,500 6th-12th grade students in Kent ISD
- \$7.40 Per/Student (Core Platform, Course Planning & Pathways, Work-Based Learning)
- Predictive Cost: Up to \$388,500.00 (Per/Year)

Currently, three Kent ISD local school districts are considering implementation for the 2025-2026 school year.