

Oak Park and River Forest High School
District 200

201 North Scoville Avenue • Oak Park, IL 60302-2296

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Cyndi Sidor, Chief Financial Officer

Christopher Thieme, Senior Director of Educational Technology

DATE: June 10, 2021

RE: Tri-District Technology Consortium Agreement Extension

BACKGROUND:

The Tri-District Technology Consortium Agreement was brought to the Board of Education at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 13, 2016 and was signed by District 90, District 97 and District 200 on April 11, 2017. This agreement allows for joint purchasing of technology resources to increase savings and leverage cost savings options on behalf of the districts. The intent of the agreement is to ensure collaboration with a still in-progress fiber project with an eye towards other collaborative purchasing options as well. All three districts saw substantial savings in joint licensing for device management systems. This agreement is currently being used to secure licensing for all three districts in the midst of Remote Learning. The agreement term is set to expire on June 30, 2020 and allows for two one-year extensions. This is the second of these two extensions and is being presented at all three district boards in June.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

Last year, District 90 saved approximately \$13,500 in licensing during the 2021 school year. District 97 saved approximately \$7,000 and District 200 saved approximately \$5,000. All three districts will realize further cost savings in the year to come. D97 assisted in vaccinations at D200 by loaning devices to accommodate the technology required.

Furthermore, District 97 and District 200 in collaboration with the Village of Oak Park are in a discovery and planning phase in SY2022 to participate in an interconnectivity project which can be leveraged for consolidated or backup internet services, collaborative disaster recovery, and secure file transfer. Launch of work is tentatively slated for SY2023.

RECOMMENDATION/NEXT STEP:

Strategic Plan: Priority 4

Board Goals:

District Policy: 4:10

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Administration recommends that the Committee of the Whole forward this agreement for signature to the Board of Education for approval at its June 24, 2021 meeting.