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TOPIC: 2023-2028 Finalsite Inc. Website and Hosting Services Contract

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

Lincolnwood School District 74 has subscribed to Blackboard Inc. for many years and used its services for hosting the school District and School websites and mobile app services. Last year, during the time of our annual contract renewal, the company was purchased by Finalsite, which is another major player in the school website hosting and design space, hosting over 5000 school Districts in the states and around the globe.

Finalsite is currently offering all former Blackboard customers the opportunity for a free conversion to one of the new customized responsive design templates. By signing up with a renewal and conversion, this will save the District thousands of dollars in future design and setup fees. Through this opportunity, the District will be able to take advantage of new technologies and ensure that our future website is compliant with ADA regulations. Samples of future templates are included in this packet which will be headed by our Director of Communications and Community Relations Taskforce. Finalsite has presented the District with a multiyear commitment in which we can lock in our pricing with small annual increases of \$200 over the next 5 years.

District Legal Counsel has reviewed the new Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy and found them to be standard, but lacking a few details. Counsel has offered our standard Amendment to the vendor which covers auto renewals, indemnification, court and venue, liability and SOPPA language. The vendor has a copy of the Amendment to be reviewed by their legal team, but it has not been endorsed at this time. Currently the District does have a vendor specific Data Privacy Agreement that has been signed by the vendor which is necessitated by the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) that outlines details of data privacy.

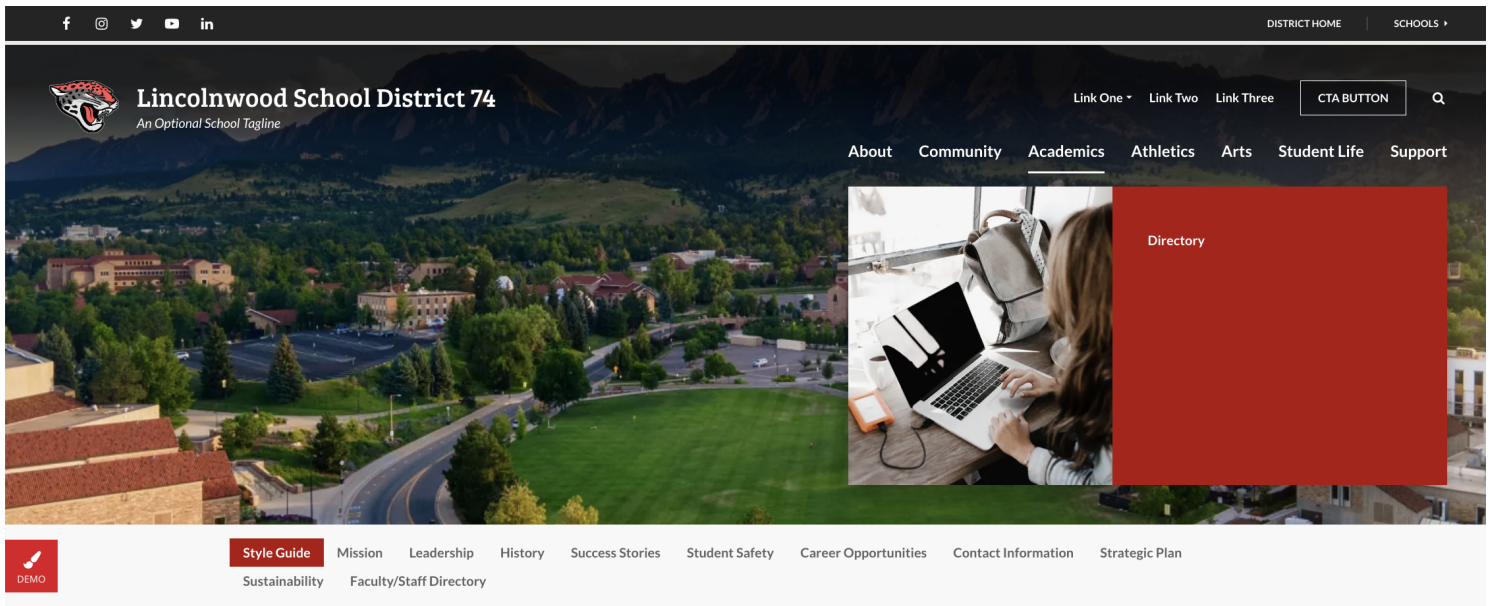
Fiscal Impact:

\$2,229. The District paid \$2072.42 during the 2022-23 school year to Blackboard Inc. for website and mobile app and hosting services. The proposed 5-year quote starts at \$2,229 for year 1, \$2,429 for year 2, \$2,629 for year 3, \$2,829 for year 4 and \$3,029 for year 5.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Finalsite Contract for design services, setup fees, website hosting for the proposed 5-year quote in the amount of: \$2,229 for school year 2023-24, \$2,429 for school year 2024-25, \$2,629 for school year 2025-26, \$2,829 for school year 2026-27 and \$3,029 for school year 2027-28.

Sample Templates:



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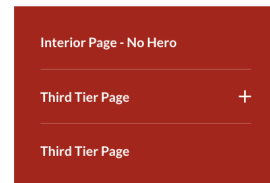
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