



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education  
Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent

FROM: Michael Arensdorff, Senior Director of Technology

SUBJECT: Tri-District Technology Consortium Agreement Renewal

DATE: June 14, 2022

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## BACKGROUND:

The Tri-District Technology Consortium Agreement was brought to the Board of Education in December 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 was instrumental in the shared success of Remote Learning. The agreement term was set to expire on June 30, 2020 and allowed for two one-year extensions. No concerns or issues were found with the language during the five years the agreement was in effect. The agreement brought forward for review has no changes except for the data range. The original agreement was thoroughly vetted by administration, legal counsel and each of the three boards.

## 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. This agreement would allow for district collaboration with short and long term construction plans with D200 along the south end of their campus that would lead to future joint connectivity efforts.

There is no cost to the District.

RECOMMENDATION/NEXT STEP:

Administration recommends that the Oak Park School District 97 Board of Education move forward for approval at its July 12, 2022 meeting.