



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 19th, 2022

TOPIC: 2022-2023 Annual Renewal of Achieve3000 License at Lincoln Hall (Formerly Actively Learn)

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

Achieve3000, formerly known as Actively Learn and now owned by McGraw Hill, is an online literacy platform that allows teachers to modify reading assignments to make them more interactive. This resource has been in use at Lincoln Hall since 2015. Middle School teachers assign pre-existing Achieve3000 materials and content to students or have the ability to upload their own content, and are able to track student responses and activity using data tools. Students can interact with text by digitally highlighting and annotating, responding to embedded questions and content, using reference tools, and leaving feedback and comments.

The District's Legal Counsel has reviewed the Terms of Service and has referenced the amendment we have in place with Achieve3000 and indicated that it is still valid. McGraw Hill has acquired the company and is holding it as a subsidiary or "doing business as"/dba type arrangement. Because of this, Counsel believes the amendment continues in place for all future renewals and extensions, and supersedes any changes that might have been made to the Terms of Service.

Counsel also offered an opinion related to the National Data Privacy Agreement (IL-NDPA) and the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA). Counsel reviewed the IL-NDPA from Harvard Community Unit School District #50 and found the document to be acceptable. Counsel indicated the District could sign off on Exhibit E, provided that it accurately reflects the same product and configuration that we use in our District.

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,780

The District paid Actively Learn \$5,330 in the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to renew the Achieve3000 license at Lincoln Hall for the amount of \$5,780 for the 2022-2023 school year.