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To: Harlem Board of Education

Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

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Re: Digital Subscriptions

Introduction

In order to give our teachers and students a more robust teaching and learning experience, enhancing our access to digital learning platforms is important. These digital subscriptions will improve our teachers ability to deliver instructions, and improve our students ability to engage with their teachers and peers.

The teachers felt that the digital subscriptions below were needed in order to deliver instruction in a more effective and efficient manner. Many of these subscriptions are ongoing and not new to teachers.

Edpuzzle

Edpuzzle is a web-based interactive video and formative assessment tool that allows teachers to edit videos and add content to target specific learning objectives. Teachers can search an extensive library or upload their own videos to customize them with voice-overs, audio comments, embedded assessment questions, and additional resources. Teachers also have options to use such as assigning due dates, preventing students from fast-forwarding through content, viewing students' scores and progress over time, as well as the length of time it takes for students to complete assignments. Data from embedded assessments can be saved in Edpuzzle's dashboard or exported and incorporated into an existing gradebook.

Funding Source: ESSER II \$12,096.00

Screencastify

Screencastify is a paid subscription for a Chrome extension that will allow users to record, edit, and share videos from their computer screen. Videos are then easily shared through email, embedded code, Google Classroom, YouTube and more. This tool was widely used by staff for remote learning. This tool will assist in flipped lessons, remote learning, professional development, etc. Over 33,458 videos were created last year.

Funding Source: ESSER II & III \$24,500 (3 years)

Seesaw

Seesaw is a platform for student engagement and teacher, student, and family communication. This tool will be used in grades EC-6 to purchase 3,500 licenses. Teachers can empower students to create, reflect, share, and collaborate through the many tools built into this platform. Students are able to "show what they know" using photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It allows students to put their work in one place and share with families or their teacher; however, nothing is shared without teacher approval. Quote includes professional development opportunities.

Funding Source: ESSER II & III \$51,971.50 (3 years)

Quaver Music Subscription

Quaver music offers an online subscription to a K-6 music curriculum which contains activities that can be teacher-led and student's can interact with these elements from their chromebooks. The curriculum is standards based, has standards based assessments and teachers can view student work from the teacher dashboard.

Funding Source: Title IV \$11,760

Teacher Strategies GOLD

Teaching Strategies GOLD is an observation-based assessment system utilized in our Early Childhood PFA classrooms. It allows teaching staff to make ongoing observational assessment for all areas of development and learning. This system allows teachers to document children's learning over time, inform instruction, and communicate progress with family. Utilizing this assessment portfolio allows us to meet the requirements of our Preschool For All grant.

Funding Source: Preschool For All 3-5 \$6,650

Mystery Science

Mystery Science is our K-5 science curriculum resource. It offers online video lessons aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards. The lessons provide opportunities for student engagement with easy to prep hands-on activities.

Funding Source: Local \$9,192