

Purchase Request #10
Regular Board Meeting June 23, 2020
Consideration of Approval of Additional Funds for
Apple-Branded Computer Systems, Accessories, and Related Services

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of Apple-branded computer systems, software, accessories, and related services from Apple Inc. for the District.

BACKGROUND

The equipment purchased through this contract consists of Apple desktop and laptop computers, software, accessories, and other Apple hardware, such as Apple TV and iPads.

Reference number (REF) 2777 was issued to track the volume of spend for Apple computer systems, accessories, and related services for the District.

Apple Inc. is the sole provider of a Collegiate Purchasing Program to provide educational discounts for Apple software and hardware. Apple Inc. has a contract through the Texas Department of Information Resources purchasing program, Contract Number DIR-TSO-3789, Apple Branded Products, and complies with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The additional funding is needed to provide Apple-branded products at the new campuses. Apple hardware and software are used for instruction, student support, and energy management, as well as other areas of the District. This contract provides equipment, support, and software that provides students with the knowledge, skills, and experience to use the equipment they will encounter in the workforce.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board approved the original contract in August 2019 for a total amount of \$425,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$100,000, which is budgeted in various departments' FY20 operating budget and the 2017 CIP FF&E budgets.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of the contract is September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020.

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