

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sheila A. Alles, Director

Academic Services Department

DATE: April 1, 2015

TO: Dr. Randy A. Liepa
Superintendent

FROM: Sheila A. Alles

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Text to Speech Software

One of the supports available to students on the new state assessment, M-STEP, is for students to have the text read to them. In order for our students to have experience with this type of support, I am requesting the district purchase a Text to Speech software program which, if approved, will be installed on student computers throughout the district.

Members of the Student Services Department have researched Text to Speech software programs and are recommending the district purchase a three-year subscription to Snap&Read Universal. Please find attached a memo from Jen Tairiol, Administrator of Student Services, which includes details to support this request. Also attached is a purchase quote from the sole vendor provider of this software.

The purchase of this software is an allowable expense using the district's Technology Readiness Integration Grant (TRIG) because it supports our readiness for the state assessment. I have reviewed this expense with Mr. Tim Klan and he supports the purchase using TRIG funds.

Please consider including this item on the Curriculum portion of the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information on this topic.

Attachments

TO: Sheila Alles, Director of Academic Services

FROM: Jennifer Taiariol, Administrator of Student Services

DATE: March 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Test Readiness Technology

In preparation for our students to take the new online assessments, we are required to offer accommodations that are accessible to students throughout the day. Don Johnston offers a unique program: Snap&Read Universal which includes text-to-speech and the ability to adjust text level in documents, pdf files and web-based materials. Snap&Read is the only Chrome Extension that reads inaccessible text and PDFs in real time without a separate special conversion process and allows students to dynamically adjust text across the web without changing the meaning. This software can be utilized by all students to support reading across the curriculum via desktops and cloud-based applications. This program offers the accommodation ("Text Read") that is the most common supplementary aids and service written into a student's IEP or accommodation listed under a Section 504 plan. Incorporating these supports into our K-12 buildings would meet the requirements for test readiness.

In terms of implementation, we would like to offer the software in all K-12 buildings. The Unlimited Site License is priced per year for all 22 buildings and allows unlimited student & teacher access within the licensed locations as well as take-home rights. The license has free take-home rights, free upgrades, free tech support, and free webinar support.

- Snap&Read Universal
- Google Extension
- PC (desktop)
- MAC (desktop)

Below, is a breakdown of the cost of the program listed for a district-wide (22 buildings) for 1-year and 3-year subscriptions. Don Johnston is the sole source for this product. IT has reviewed and documented our capacity for the requirements for installation of this program.

1-Year	22 Buildings	3-Years	22 Buildings
	\$11,049		\$30, 046



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Date Quoted: 2/26/2015		Guarantee through: 3/31/2015	
Bill to customer number:	132040	Shipping Information (please specify):	
Customer number:	132040		
Attn:	Jennifer Taiariol		
Address:	15125 Farmington Road		
City/State/Zip	Livonia, MI 48154		

Quote Reference Number:	
Unlimited Building - License Information Required	
Key Contact Name/Title/Email address:	Name of school(s) for license:
IT/Web Administrator Name/Title/Email:	

Quote Requestor (DJT use):

* Order has special instructions - Please see ZB for information

ITEM #	PRODUCT / ITEM DESCRIPTION	Quantity	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
P75WALL1Y	Snap&Read Universal District Wide 3 Year Subscription	3	\$9,999.00	\$29,997.00
	* Unlimited use within 22 school buildings *			
	Special Offer Code:			

Don Johnston reserves the right to change or alter pricing at any time. Quote can not be combined with any other special offer. PO(s) may be submitted by emailing them directly to the quote provider or by faxing to 847.740.7326 or 847.740.7349.	Subtotal:	\$29,997.00
	Shipping/Handling	
	Processing Fee:	\$49.00
	Total:	\$30,046.00

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