



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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TOPIC: Comprehensive District Software Inventory Report

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this report and presentation is to provide a comprehensive overview of the various software packages, applications and websites that are utilized within Lincolnwood School District. This report goes beyond the general summary of numbers, but provides a thorough understanding of all of our software assets.

The updated charts and graphs provide information such as software titles, brief descriptions, and yearly cost increases. It is important to consider many external factors such as inflation that may contribute to increases in software costs. These titles are divided into four main categories, which include: Curriculum Tools, Supplemental Software, Assessment Tools, and Technology Operations.

Curriculum Tools:

These software packages, even if acquired through different departments like Mathematics, Science, or Language Arts, all have significant technology components and are especially important, given our one-to-one personal learning device program, which extends throughout the District.

CORE CURRICULUM SOFTWARE			25-26	24-25
American Reading Company	ELA Curriculum		\$109,173.33	\$109,173.33
Amplify Science 6-8	Science Curriculum	0%	\$22,006.00	\$22,006.00
Carnegie Learning Math 6-8	Math Curriculum	0%	\$17,714.33	\$17,714.33
Carnegie Learning Math 3-5	Math Curriculum	0%	\$19,477.00	\$19,477.00
Carnegie Learning Math K-2	Math Curriculum	0%	\$19,477.00	\$19,477.00
EntreCulturas 1 by Wayside Publishing	Foreign Language			
Everyday Speech	ELA Curriculum	-20%	\$1,932.00	\$2,399.96
HMH Into Reading	ELA Curriculum	0%	\$41,415.42	\$41,415.42
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 3 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	0%	\$1,455.00	\$1,455.00
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 4 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	0%	\$1,861.00	\$1,861.00
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 5 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	0%	\$2,066.00	\$2,066.00
Mystery Science RH	Science Curriculum	0%	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00
Mystery Science TH	Science Curriculum	0%	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00
Number Worlds by McGraw-Hill	Math Curriculum			\$0.00
PLTW (Project Lead The Way)	STEM Curriculum	0%	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00
Second Step	SEL Curriculum	0%	\$8,334.00	\$8,334.00
Voices and Perspectives Grade 6 by McGraw-Hill	Social Studies	0%	\$2,290.00	\$2,290.00
Voices and Perspectives Grade 7 by McGraw-Hill	Social Studies	0%	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Voices and Perspectives Grade 8 by McGraw-Hill	Social Studies	0%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

Assessment Tools:

These software packages are used by the District to gather information on student growth and achievement as well as mandated packages, required by the Illinois State Board of education, to pull student data on Mathematics, Science, and Language Arts performance.

ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE			25-26	24-25
Fastbridge	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	5%	\$7,786.47	\$7,434.07
FitnessGram by Human Kinetics	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	0%	\$498.00	\$498.00
ISBE ISA TESTING PLATFORM	NO COST		\$0.00	\$0.00
MAP by NWEA	RENEWED WITH MULTI YEAR DISCOUNTS	0%	\$15,164.10	\$15,164.10
Pearson Access Next for PARCC	NO COST		\$0.00	\$0.00

Overall Per Student Costs for Assessments Tools.

The overall cost per student for assessment software remains at under \$20.00 per student. This is due to stability in pricing and looking at multi year pricing models.

Supplemental Software:

These software packages are used by teachers and students to reinforce concepts, enhance skills, or cover specific skill areas which our current curriculum may lack. Some titles listed here may also target supplemental resources to specific student populations, such as Special Education or English Language Learners (EL), or used for intervention purposes.

SUPPLEMENTAL SOFTWARE	ACTIONS TAKEN		26-27	25-26
AutoDesk	PART OF PLTW CURRICULUM - NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
BoardMaker Online	ONLY BEING USED FOR SPECIAL ED STUDENT NEEDS	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Book Creator	PART OF SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM - NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bookflix	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	10%	\$1,350.00	\$1,219.00
BrainPop.	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	3%	\$8,325.00	\$8,100.00
BrainPop. Jr.	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	3%	\$2,525.00	\$2,457.00
BrainPop. ELL	RE-EVALUATING USE AT SPECIFIC SCHOOL	19%	\$1,498.00	\$1,215.00
Breakout EDU	RENEWED SAME PRICE	0%	\$99.00	\$99.00
Britannica Encyclopedia	INFLATION COST INCREASE	17%	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00

Culturegrams by ProQuest	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	3%	\$1,450.97	\$1,401.90
EdPuzzle	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Facts4Me	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	4%	\$150.00	\$144.50
Flipgrid	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flocabulary	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	7%	\$4,265.00	\$3,965.00
Formative / NewsELA	NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR ADDITIONAL SAVING	1%	\$3,744.00	\$3,693.69
Gim Kit	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gizmos Teaching and Learning	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
GoNoodle	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Heggerty	NEW SUBSCRIPTION OF RESOURCES ADDED TO TODD HALL	0%	\$89.00	\$89.00
IXL ELA GR 1-8	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT Y1 LOADED	63%	\$29,000.00	\$10,802.00
Jolly Phonics	RENEWED SAME PRICE	0%	\$300.00	\$300.00
Kahoot	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Khan Academy / Kids	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Language Live Voyager Sopris	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$2,602.00
Learning A-Z - Raz Plus	COST INCREASE - ADDED RESOURCES TO NEW POSITIONS	17%	\$11,362.00	\$9,424.00
Learning A-Z - Raz Plus ELL	COST INCREASE - ADDED RESOURCES TO NEW POSITIONS	0%	\$525.00	\$525.00
Learning A-Z - Vocab A-Z	COST INCREASE - ADDED RESOURCES TO NEW POSITIONS	0%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
LessonPix	RENEWED SAME PRICE	0%	\$295.00	\$295.00
Magic School AI	NEW PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT	5%	\$5,925.00	\$5,625.00
MyNGConnect by Cengage Inside	RENEWED FOR 22-28 SCHOOL YEAR	0%	\$1,125.93	\$1,125.93
Nearpod	MIGRATED SUBSCRIPTION FROM DISTRICT TO INDIVIDUALS	-655%	\$159.00	\$1,200.00
Neptune Navigate	DISCOUNTED AS SERVICE WILL DISCONTUNE IN 2027	-33%	\$1,312.50	\$1,750.00
NewsELA / NewsELA	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	-	\$8,200.00	\$8,000.00
Novel Effect	HOLIDAY SALE PRICE	-31%	\$37.50	\$49.00
Padlett Pro	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pebble Go! by Capstone	RENEWED SAME PRICE	0%	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Quizlet - Flashcards & Study Tools	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00

Rosetta Stone	INCREASED LICENSES FOR DISTRICT NEEDS	-		
Scholastic - Storyworks Jr.	PREVIOUS YEARS COST DATA UNKNOWN	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
StarFall	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	0%	\$355.00	\$355.00
Typing Club	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	100%	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Vex ROBOTC	PART OF PLTW CURRICULUM - NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
XtraMath Premium	RENEWED SAME PRICE AND ADDED USERS TO RESOURCE	-	\$0.00	\$500.00
Writable, Inc	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	8%	\$3,801.00	\$3,480.00
Zaner-Bloser	PART OF K-2 CURRICULUM - NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL			\$94,293.90	\$73,617.02

Overall Per Student Supplemental Software Costs:

These supplemental software packages average out to the following estimated costs for the students within the three schools. Please note that these costs are estimated as this is based strictly upon enrollment data and could vary depending on student schedules. These estimated costs include both packages that would be essential to access resources at the individual school, along with package costs that would be part of a district subscription.



Technology Operations:

This category covers software purchased for the operational needs of the school and District, individual purchases solely related to the upkeep and operation of the technology systems, and software used by all students and faculty.

TECH DEPARTMENT PURCHASES			26-27	25-26
Adobe Suite Software	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	4%	\$500.00	\$480.00
Aesop by Frontline Absence Management	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	0%	\$4,438.66	\$4,438.66
Aesop by Frontline Applicant Tracking	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	-		\$1,936.90
Apple School Manager	FREE FOR EDU CLIENTS	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brightly /SchoolDude Maint	SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED	-		\$0.00
Bright Arrow	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	5%	\$3,873.00	\$3,673.00
Classlink	NEW PRODUCT	0%	\$5,550.00	\$5,550.00
Classlink Threat Scan and Analytics	NEW PRODUCT	-	\$0.00	\$1,675.00
File Maker Software	NOT NEEDED DISTRICT OWNS SOFTWARE	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Final Site	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	7%	\$2,829.00	\$2,629.00
Follett/Destiny	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gaggle Archiving	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	6%	\$3,950.00	\$3,725.00
Genuity	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	9%	\$529.00	\$479.00
Go Daddy	CERTIFICATES FOR SERVERS 3YR PLAN	0%	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Google- GAFE	FREE FOR EDU CLIENTS	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Imagetec Printer Lease	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	0%	\$50,080.00	\$50,080.00
Infinitec	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
iVisions		-	\$0.00	\$0.00
JAMF Suite	RENEWED AT LOWER PRICE WITH SIMPLIFIED SUPPORT OPTIONS	17%	\$9,900.00	\$8,250.00
JotForm for New Employees	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lincolnwood Public Library	NO COST	-	\$0.00	\$0.00
MBA Attendance Module	NEW PRODUCT	100%	\$3,979.00	\$0.00
MBA Report Creator Module	NEW PRODUCT	100%	\$4,222.00	\$0.00
Meal Magic	NEW PRODUCT	-18%	\$4,395.00	\$5,194.00
MealViewer Digital Suite	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	0%	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00
Meraki Licensing		-	\$0.00	\$0.00
Microsoft Office 16		-	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSCB PowerSchool Custom Reports	NEW PRODUCT	4%	\$400.00	\$385.00
PowerSchool Maintenance and Support	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE LOCKED TO MULTI YEAR PRICING	3%	\$9,740.00	\$9,456.54
PowerSchool Registration	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE LOCKED TO MULTI YEAR PRICING	3%	\$13,890.00	\$13,485.61
Powerschool Schoology	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE LOCKED TO MULTI YEAR PRICING	3%	\$5,836.00	\$5,666.06
Raptor	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	4%	\$3,400.00	\$3,250.00

Raptor Tablet Subscription	NEW PRODUCT ADDED	0%	\$1,950.00	\$1,954.68
Seesaw	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	-2%	\$3,610.00	\$3,675.00
SignUp Genius	RENEWED AT LOWER PRICE	0%	\$539.89	\$539.89
SMORE	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	0%	\$180.00	\$180.00
Vivi	NEW SERVICE	0%	\$716.00	\$716.00
Vimeo WRH WLH	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	0%	\$84.00	\$84.00
Zoom	RENEWED SAME PRICE AND ADDED USERS TO RESOURCE	0%	\$480.00	\$480.00
SUBTOTAL			\$137,541.55	\$130,453.34

Inventory of IOS Applications

Last year included a section that reported on an overview of the iOS applications that are currently being used within our School District. Again, these are differentiated from our paid subscriptions, as iOS iPad apps are typically a one-time purchase. During the 2025-2026 school year, the District **did not add any** notable applications to our inventory, other than the specific packages that were required to support the ARC and HMH curriculum package. These required additions did not add any additional costs to our budgets.

Conclusion

While costs continue to rise, it's important to recognize the economic factors that influence pricing changes. Every piece of software or service carries underlying expenses, including personnel, infrastructure and equipment, utilities, insurance, and maintenance.

Each year, as this report is prepared, we look for opportunities to reduce costs wherever possible. At this point, however, we have reached a threshold where reductions are difficult without impacting services. This year, a number of new products were added to the inventory and multiyear contracts are coming due.. As a result, pricing consistency cannot always be guaranteed year over year.

That said, the department remains committed to doing everything possible to keep products, services, and associated costs within reason.

As a team, we continue working to manage and control expenses through a variety of measures, including:

- **Removal of Unused Software:** Products that are no longer in use have been phased out or removed.
- **Reduction in Subscription:** The team has reviewed products that are in use by many staff members, but not to justify a full District subscription.
- **Cost Reduction Strategies:** The team has implemented cost reduction strategies, such as renegotiating contracts for more favorable terms and using databases only during school hours to avoid unnecessary expenses.

- **Product Substitution:** The discontinuation of certain software products, favoring more cost-effective alternatives.
- **Redesigned Software Application Process:** This revised process allows teachers to fill out an online form which requires a bit more research and includes a more stringent questioning approach.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Should you have any questions or require further discussion on this report, please do not hesitate to contact our Tech Department at any time. We are here to provide any clarification or insights needed.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Curriculum Highlights:

- There was an overall increase in the budget to the Curriculum materials
- New additions included:
 - American Reading Company Curriculum and Materials
 - HMH Into Reading - Curriculum and Materials
 - Number Worlds by McGraw-Hill - Materials

Supplemental Highlights:

- Next year budget will see us spending more than current year
- Some items saw increases in price due to additional resources being allocated for new staff
 - Learning A-Z Products
 - Zoom
- Some items see annual price increases
 - Learning A-Z Products
 - IXL Renewal Front Loaded
 - Typing Club - Renewal
- Some products are brand new for the district
 - Magic School AI
- License Adjustments: Shifted from district-wide licenses to individual licenses for underused apps
 - Nearpod - saved \$8000
 - Nearpod - budgeted 1200 spent \$159
- Pricing Renegotiations:
 - Neptune navigate offering 25% discount because curriculum is going to be sunset
- Annual review of the some of the resources that are not getting used as much as they should
 - BrainPop. ELL Review

Tech Department (District) Highlights:

- Pricing Negotiations - Negotiated with vendors to honor new, lower-tier pricing structures for contracts
 - Powerschool - Multi Year agreements
- Specific support agreements for software were removed to streamline contracts
 - JAMF Management subscription was changed - saved \$5200
 - JAMF No Price increased for almost 36 months
- Added subscriptions and Services
 - Classlink Analytics
 - Increase in Raptor Services
 - New POS Software Meal Magic