



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **July 6, 2021**

TITLE: **Award of Contract for Learning Management System (LMS) RFP#06-02-2021**

BACKGROUND:

In late spring, we discovered that Google would implement a fee/charge for the use of the version of the Google Classroom services that teachers had been using free of charge during the pandemic. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the cost of the service from this provider for their version of a learning management system would be well over the threshold requiring a request for proposals from other providers of similar software. In addition, it was critical that the LMS ultimately chosen be fully integrated with our current student data management system, Tyler SIS. The District needs to continue to utilize a learning management system given the significance of educational software and technology to the learning process now and into the future.

Request for Proposals 06-02-2021 for a Learning Management System was e-mailed to approximately 296 vendors via www.azpurchasing.org and posted for 22 days on www.azpurchasing.org, the District bidding service. A solicitation legal notice was posted in the Territorial Newspaper, as required, during the solicitation period. There were 61 vendors that downloaded the solicitation and 33 vendors that responded with “no bids.” Google was contacted and did not put in a bid. The District received four (4) responsive proposals. The solicitation asked for a Learning Management System. Proposals were evaluated by an evaluation team made up of District Staff based on evaluation criteria listed in the RFP (100 points possible).

The vendors who submitted proposals were:

Instructure/Canvas
PowerSchool/Schoology
Infosys
Kiddom

A committee reviewed the four proposals that were received in Phase I of the process and upon scoring, eliminated two proposals. Neither of the companies eliminated had a full integration with Tyler SIS and did not meet other criteria. Two remaining vendors moved to Phase II of the process.

During Phase II, over thirty-five teachers and all principals were invited to view presentations by each vendor. Ultimately 16 individuals viewed the presentations in a live ZOOM session and were asked to provide their feedback on the software presented. Of the 16 viewers, 14 of them selected the software that is being recommended for award.

A request for Best and Final Offer (BAFO) was issued to the two finalists on June 24, 2021. Both finalists submitted their offers on June 28, 2021. The committee reviewed both offers on June 29, 2021.

The Phase II finalists were:

**Instructure/Canvas
PowerSchool/Schoology**



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The committee recommends PowerSchool/Schoology for the LMS award for the following reasons:

- Eleven years experience in K-12 education
- Full and tested integration with Tyler SIS
- Program features meeting needs of teachers, students, and parents
- Detailed training and implementation plan
- Ease of transition from current provider
- Full District ownership of content
- Compatible with current devices
- Security features
- Price

The committee was unable to recommend Instructure/Canvas as the provider of this software due to the elementary version still being in “beta” form with no set date for release of the final version.

The committee recognizes that the transition to a new learning management system will require work on the part of teachers and the administration. We believe that it will be well worth the effort to pull all of the technology resources in one location that the district controls, owns, and manages. A learning management system will provide the platform for students, teachers, and parents to log on to one location to access the curriculum materials that are specific and relevant to the students in a particular grade level or course. The system also allows for communication between the teacher and student, and teacher and parents, which is directly related to student work and achievement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board determine that **PowerSchool/Schoology** is the highest qualified vendor and authorize the Administration to negotiate any other agreements or contract terms that the Administration determines to be fair and reasonable for the awarded contract. It has been determined that the contract will begin upon award for fiscal year 2021/2022 with four one-year renewal options, total contract length not to exceed five years.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: June 30, 2021

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