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Item: News 2 You for Center Programs

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Date: August 15, 2025

Recommended by: Kevin Phillips

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Board Meeting Date: September 15, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The purchase of Unique Learning System and News2you from Everway LLC (formerly n2y LLC) for Center Programs at a total cost for 2025-26 of \$49,094.10.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

3	KEC Beltline	\$3,272.94
1	KEC Oakleigh	\$1,090.98
14	Lincoln School	\$15,273.72
8	Lincoln Developmental Center	\$8,727.84
8	Pine Grove Learning Center	\$8,727.84
3	Empower U North	\$3,272.94
4	Empower U Central	\$4,363.92
4	Empower U South	\$4,363.92

BACKGROUND:

Unique Learning System is a curriculum resource with monthly unit themes. Each unit contains 20-30 lessons and activities within the four main subject areas. Each lesson can be differentiated for individual students.

N2Y is the overarching company but also a weekly current event lesson. Each week highlights a new current event with 10-15 activities to complete. Each activity can be differentiated for students.

Below is the completed Sole Source Justification form as this service matches the existing products currently in use throughout Center Programs.

Kent ISD Sole Source Justification Form

Overview:

This form provides a standard way to document single or sole source justifications for purchases that are above the Kent ISD Board Policy Competitive bidding threshold (\$10,000), but where a competitive bid is not possible, or the requestor/business unit is requesting that no competitive bid be executed. The completed form must be attached to the purchase requisition along with any supporting materials to support the purchase request.

Sole Source Justification Type:

Recipients may conduct noncompetitive ("sole source") procurement through solicitation of proposals from only one source when one or more of the following circumstances apply (Please Check the Box for which circumstance applies):

- ☐ This is a new purchase of proprietary materials and services; product is available only from one source.
- ☐ The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.
- ☐ Competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources.
- ☐ Vendor is specified by name in an awarded contract or grant
- ☒ No substitutions available to match existing hardware/equipment that are currently at Kent ISD (provide a previous PO number if possible)

Requested Product(s):

Vendor Name: N2Y

Estimated Value of Product(s) \$ 49,094.10

Description of Product(s)

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Vendor Justification:

Provide a detailed background explanation of proposed Vendor's unique ability to offer the requested product(s). Also identify how we came to find this Vendor and any other Vendor that offers similar product(s). Specify why the proposed Vendor is the only company that can meet the requisite requirements for this order.

We have utilized ULS & N2Y for center program instruction the past four years and are looking to renew our contract for the coming year. ULS provides comprehensive lessons with various ways to differentiate. Their license includes benchmark assessments, supported learning, and additional resources for data collection and classroom set up. The lessons can be printed and done at tables, or can be interactive on smart boards. ULS provides all of the materials necessary to teach the lesson in a comprehensive manner. While there are other resources that can be used to teach single subjects and work on classroom engagement, they do not do so as thoroughly as ULS, nor are they as conducive to differentiated output.

Cost Justification:

Provide evidence that due diligence has been completed to ensure that Kent ISD has received fair and reasonable pricing. This could include comparison of past product(s) or service(s) that we have procured or similar items on the market.

We held a three year agreement with ULS & N2Y from 2021-2024. We renewed in 2024-25 for \$45,224.10, and we are now asking to renew again in 2025-26 for \$49,094.10.

Acknowledgement of Form Completion:

I acknowledge the requirements of Kent ISD's competitive bidding thresholds and the criteria laid out in this form for the justification of sole source purchases. Completion of this form does not guarantee the approval of the procurement request.

REQUESTOR:	<u>Sarah Misiak</u> Name (Printed)	<u></u> Signature	<u>9/5/25</u> Date
DIRECTOR:	<u>Toni Moore</u> Name (Printed)	<u></u> Signature	<u>9-5-25</u> Date
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/SUPERINTENDENT:	<u>Kirsten Myers</u> Name (Printed)	<u></u> <small>E5DD8C9303CE3A1F0EFDAA335B1A115 ready2sign</small> Signature	<u>09/05/2025</u> Date