

Memo

To: Superintendent Gina Butters, Weber School District Board of Education
From: Dr. Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood, Technical Services Director
CC: Dr. Robert Petersen, Dax Teuscher, Brock Mitchell
Date: October 23, 2023 - ***Amended December 3, 2025***
Re: Purchase Request - Blocks!

Keeping students focused on learning activities while using their Chromebooks in class has become a major need for Weber School District teachers. This need emerged as one of the top priorities during the superintendency listening sessions in 2022. In response, the Technical Services Department and the Digital Teaching and Learning Department began researching software solutions, and a request for proposals (RFP) was opened through purchasing.

During a joint review done by Tech Services, Digital Teaching and Learning, and Purchasing the six products that responded to the RFP were reviewed. Of these products, the most comprehensive and most cost-effective product, Blocks!, was identified. Purchasing Blocks! will provide the solution that teachers identified. It will also give parents limited control of student Chromebooks during non-school hours. Additionally, two current WSD products, Bark (approximately \$16,000 per year) and Net Support (approximately \$7,000 per year), will no longer be needed. Improved functionality to replace these two products will be available through Blocks!.

The original memo, approved in October 2023, stated that the purchase was “yearly” and that a “3.5% increase in pricing was expected each year.” This memo is meant to clarify the purchase and associated contract terms

Technical Services is requesting approval of the following **5-year Blocks! contract**:

- **Year One FY24 - \$112,000**
- **Year Two FY25 - \$115,840**
- **Year Three FY26 - \$120,000**
- **Year Four FY27 - \$124,160**
- **Year Five FY28 - \$128,640**

This cost includes several sub-products: Blocks! Teacher Dashboard, Blocks! Parent Dashboard, Blocks! Delegate (administrative analytics), and Blocks! Student Safety with AI and 24/7/365 Review. The cost of this product follows regular license inflation rates at 3.5% per year.

Thank you for your consideration of this purchase. As always, I appreciate your continued support of technology in the district. If I can provide you with further clarification or answers to questions, please contact me at 801-476-7979.

Thank you.



Dr. Jennifer Boyer-Thurgood
Director of Technology