

Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: June 9, 2022

TOPIC: 2022-2023 Learning A-Z Product Renewal

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Recommended for:

□ Discussion

Purpose/Background:

The Learning A-Z Company creates many products that are used within the District. Titles like Vocabulary A-Z, Raz-Kids, Reading A-Z, and Raz-Plus provide the teachers and students with resources and content to help reinforce independent reading, word recognition and vocabulary concepts. These products are used by hundreds of students and provide them with lessons that seamlessly connect instruction to a current topic of study. Teachers can assign lessons to students for online independent practice as well as differentiated instruction to help raise student achievement.

Faced with a large renewal quote in the neighborhood of \$13,000, the team evaluated usage data and surveyed teachers to determine that the District can still accomplish all educational goals with a reduced number of licenses. The new renewal is based on 20 licenses for Vocabulary A-Z, 25 licenses for Raz-Plus and 6 licenses for Raz-Plus ELL Edition.

District Legal Counsel reviewed the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy and found them acceptable. In January, during a renewal of one of the vendors' products, Counsel provided the vendor with an amendment to the agreement that covered Terms and Conditions, Renewals, Governing Law and Venue as well as SOPPA compliance. This agreement was signed and is still in place at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

\$7,720.75 for the renewal of the suite of Learning A-Z software to be used in Todd Hall, Rutledge Hall and Lincoln Hall from August 8, 2022 to August 7, 2023. (The District paid Learning A-Z \$9,961 in 2021-2022)

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the renewal of Learning A-Z software in the amount of \$7,720.75 from August 8, 2022 to August 7, 2023.