



To: Harlem School District #122 Board Members
Dr. Terrell Yarbough, Superintendent
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

From: Jacob Hubert, Director of Secondary Education
Michael Valentine, Principal of Loves Park Elementary

RE: HMH Waggle and Amira Program and Professional Development

Date: 5/12/25

Harlem has adopted the HMH, Into Reading Curriculum to support literacy in grades K - 5 at all elementary schools. Loves Park Elementary was identified by the state in 2023 as a Targeted School through the school improvement process, and one of the goals Loves Park Elementary has in their plan to focus on is literacy skills.

Purchase Amira

Oral reading and fluency are key focuses to literacy in the early years of elementary school. Amira is an AI assistant that assesses the accuracy, rate, and prosody of reading fluency and provides targeted and explicit instruction and practice in the areas of phonics and fluency to support the development of oral reading and fluency. Using School Improvement Grant Funds, Loves Park Elementary would like to purchase a five year partnership with HMH Amira for 200 licenses to support oral reading and fluency skills for younger students and students in need of the development of such skills. Amira will also support the ability to screen students in the Spanish language.

Cost - \$18,000 for a 5 year agreement for 200 licenses each year.

Purchase Waggle

As oral reading and fluency advance, Loves Park is also asking to purchase Waggle to further support the Into Reading program. Waggle is an adaptive AI engine that aligns with the Into Reading Curriculum and provides students with personalized and focused practice to support a deeper understanding and expertise in each skill area. Waggle provides teachers with detailed information about individual and class skill development of all students, allowing teachers to easily group students for extra practice and small group instruction.

Cost - \$18,000 for a 5 year agreement for 200 licenses each year.



Professional Development

Loves Park will need a one day professional development for Amira and a one day professional development for Waggle tentatively scheduled for the end of July.

Cost - \$7,560

Coachly licenses for the Reading PD Specialist and MTSS Specialist

Loves Park would like to provide one coachly license for the MTSS Specialist for Amira, two coachly licenses for the Reading PD Specialist and the MTSS Faciliator for Waggle, and one coachly license for the PD Specialist for Into Reading. The coachly license provides individuals with a year-round subscription for individuals to receive unlimited support within less than 24 hours.

Cost - \$5,400

Extra Into Reading materials and resources

Extra Into Reading materials and resources will be ordered at each grade level to allow special education teachers, PDS, and MTSS to have direct access to materials not specifically allocated to the classrooms.

Cost - \$6,138.78

In-person coaching

12 Days of in-person coaching that may be used to support the implementation of Into Reading, Amira, or Waggle will be purchased to build program expertise, support lesson planning, and discuss data-driven strategies using the HMH programs.

Cost - \$45,360

Shipping and handling

Cost - \$767.35

Funding

School Improvement Grant Funds allocated for Loves Park Elementary

Total \$101,226.13