



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 18, 2023

TOPIC: 2023-2024 Encyclopedia Britannica Renewal

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

Encyclopedia Britannica is a curricular tool that is available online to all students in the District. The resources found through this service meet the unique needs of every learner as students can toggle between three reading levels on each article, have articles read aloud, and use Merriam-Webster's dictionary to hear words pronounced and read their definitions. Each article can also be translated into over 80 languages. For every search, information pulled from Britannica School appears on the right side of the screen, ensuring that students are learning from a reliable and fact-checked source. Based upon usage statistics, this product is being used widely across the District.

District Legal Counsel has reviewed this Terms and Quote for Encyclopedia Britannica Renewal and found it acceptable. Counsel noted that SOPPA does not apply to this vendor as no student data is transmitted or stored.

Fiscal Impact:

\$715.00 for the use of Britannica School Subscription for all students and teachers in the school District. (The District paid Encyclopedia Britannica \$977.50 in 2022-2023)

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Britannica School Subscription Contract in the amount of \$715 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.