

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 16, 2010**

ITEM: V.A.

TOPIC: **Approval to Purchase New Norm Referenced Tests -
Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Cognitive Abilities Test**

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools District purchase the *Iowa Test of Basic Skills*® (ITBS) Form E and the *Cognitive Abilities Test*™ (CogAT®) Form 7 for use at grades 3, 6 and 8. The purchase includes ITBS and CogAT test books, answer documents and scoring services from Riverside Publishing at a total cost of \$70,523.16.

RATIONALE:

A new norm referenced test is needed since the Stanford 9/OLSAT 7 assessment the Livonia Public Schools has used for the past 14 years will no longer be supported by Pearson Publishing. The recommendation has been reviewed and supported by the Board Curriculum Committee.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

Funds currently used for Stanford/OLSAT assessment administration and funds from the technology reserve account will be used for this purchase.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Sheila Alles

EXHIBITS:

Attachment

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