



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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TOPIC: District Purchasing Update(s)

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Recommended for:

- ☐ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

This document provides the Finance Committee with an update of ongoing District renewals and/or purchases that will not require Board Approval based on criteria adopted in May 2023.

Items for Finance Committee Review:

☐ **SuperEval for 2025-2026**

- SuperEval is the software used for the Superintendent's evaluation.
- The tool allows the Superintendent to set goals and upload documents relevant to their performance and accomplishments.
- Board Members have the opportunity to rate and provide feedback in a broad range of performance areas.
- The District will pay \$3,841 for this subscription and paid \$4,236 last year.

☐ **Early Childhood Alliance Membership for 2025-2026**

- The Early Childhood Alliance (ECA) of Niles Township is a collaboration of over 45 organizations: center-based care providers, family child care providers, home visiting programs, school districts, early intervention providers, village

governments, health agencies, social service agencies, and individuals focused on enhancing the outcomes of every young child in the Niles Township community. The organization connects families to resources, promoting high quality early childhood services, and lifting up families with young children to ensure that all children reach their full potential.

- In the past, the District has referred families to the ECA for assistance securing support for early childhood needs, as well as translation services.
- The District approved a \$2,000 contribution to the ECA last year and is committing the same amount (\$2,000) in Fiscal Year 2026.

□ **Second Step for 2025-26**

- Second Step provides a web-based curriculum that can be implemented consistently from classroom to classroom. The digital format enables continuous improvement based on up-to-date research and feedback. Within the digital program, there are a variety of media, activities, and interactive components that cannot be replicated in the print version.
- The quote is for all three schools at a total of \$8,334. The District paid \$7,785 last year.
- The change this year is that we will be cover the middle school portion of this year's quote with the school improvement grant. That will equate to approximately \$2,500.

□ **ThreatScan and Analytics + (ClassLink Enhancements) for 2025-2028**

- **ThreatScan** is a cybersecurity tool that monitors the web for compromised usernames and passwords associated with our school District.
- If a potential breach is detected, ClassLink will promptly notify District personnel, allowing the team to force password resets, restrict access, and proactively mitigate cyber threats.
- While all staff and teachers are required to use Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), students are not currently held to the same standard.
- By implementing ThreatScan, the District strengthens its cybersecurity posture with continuous monitoring and rapid response capabilities, enhancing our ability to protect user accounts and maintain system integrity.
- **Analytics +** provides the District with expanded tools to gain a comprehensive view of digital engagement across students, teachers, and staff devices and networks.

- Analytics + captures usage data from educational tools currently in use including those that are accessed outside of the ClassLink LaunchPad.
- This enhanced Classlink tool gathers and presents data from the District level enabling school leaders and administrators to make informed decisions about learning tools and our investments and helps the District adhere and stay in compliance with SOPPA guidelines.
- The District will pay \$1,675 for this 3-year subscription.

□ **PowerSchool Custom Reports for 2025-2026**

- PSCB is a team of developers committed to providing high quality PowerSchool SIS customizations, reports and other resources to the PowerSchool community.
- After ten years of development, the PSCB DEV now provides thousands of PowerSchool school districts in the United States and overseas with many plugins consisting of custom pages and reports.
- The District has been using free versions of these for years, but transitioning to a subscription, will provide significantly more flexibility and customization options. This upgrade provides access to a library of over 290 reports helping staff analyze data more effectively.
- The subscription also includes a built-in pivot table generator, allowing users to easily compare data sets across various tables, streamlining workflows and enhancing overall efficiency in data-driven decision-making.
- The District will pay \$385 for a 1-year subscription.

□ **Heartland School Systems Renewal for 2025-2026**

- Heartland School Systems is the owner of Mealviewer which is used to create and post school lunch and menu information used in all schools.
- \$1,635 - The District paid \$1,575 for the 2024-2025 school year.

□ **LessonPix School Renewal for 2025-2026**

- LessonPix is a collection of simplistic clip art used to help enhance instruction for special education students to be used within documents and applications that are used on specific devices.
- o \$295.20 - The District paid \$295.20 for the 2024-2025 school year.