

Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: August 21, 2025

TOPIC: MagicSchool AI Purchase for the 2025-2026 School Year

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Recommended for:

□ Action

□ Discussion

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Purpose/Background:

In 2025, Lincolnwood School District launched a new initiative inviting teachers to participate in an Artificial Intelligence (AI) working group. Through this collaborative effort, educators and administrators engaged in extensive conversations and explored emerging tools being used across the state in educational technology programs.

After a full year of research and discussion, the group reached a consensus to adopt MagicSchool AI as a District-wide solution. This platform stood out for its ease of use, flexibility, and its ability to integrate seamlessly with student-focused systems. In addition to a group review, a small team was invited to take part in the introductory training and adoption that took place at NTDSE. This seminar was essential in answering questions and providing feedback on the product and how it leverages leading AI technologies to complete specific tasks, allowing educators to maintain full control while enhancing productivity.

Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, MagicSchool AI will serve as a cornerstone of the District's professional development efforts, supporting both instructional innovation and teacher efficiency. MagicSchool AI provides a comprehensive suite of tools to support educators with tasks such as lesson planning, assessment creation, and rubric development. MagicSchool AI supports differentiated instruction by offering tools that help meet the diverse needs of students while fostering AI exploration, building student AI literacy, and enabling personalized feedback.

MagicSchool AI is built with a user-friendly interface accessible to all staff and students. It also prioritizes safety, incorporating strict privacy standards and robust security protocols to ensure responsible and secure use. The platform is designed with an easy-to-use interface, making it accessible for educators and students alike while implementing stringent measures and adhering to strict privacy policies.

This item is awaiting review from the District Legal Counsel.

Fiscal Impact:

\$5,625 for the purchase and setup of MagicSchool AI.

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this quote from MagicSchool AI Corporation for the purchase of support and services in the amount of \$5,625 from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.