

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 22, 2024

Agenda Item: J.2c

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Digital Assessment Library Plus – NCS Pearson

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:**

The purpose of this agenda is to procure digital assessment library from NCS Pearson.

**D. Summary:**

☒ Previous board action relating to this item – The board approved NCS Pearson on 04/25/2022

☐ Future action anticipated –

☒ Background information – The Digital Assessment Library Plus (DALs+) is a platform that allows for paperless assessment of students using Pearson assessment tools and can be used by LSSPs, Educational Diagnosticians, Speech Language Pathologists, and Occupational Therapists. DALs + will be used to complete special education assessments, initials and re-evaluations, and the information derived from these assessments will help determine eligibility for services as well as determine student strengths and weaknesses which can be used by the ARD Committee to determine goals and objective or the information can be used by general education staff to develop interventions for students who do not meet eligibility for special education services.

Per NCS Pearson “[t]he library provides unlimited use of these systems, access to digital stimulus books and manuals, and extensive training resources. The assessments and resources cover Ability, Achievement, Behavior, Mental Health, Speech and Language, and Motor Sensory, all of which automatically upgrade to new editions as they’re published and available for unlimited use.

**E. Scope of Options Reviewed:**

BuyBoard 653-21 Instructional Materials and Classroom Teaching Supplies and Equipment

Expires: 10/31/2024

**F. Comments Received:**

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ Other: Special Education

**G. Administrative Recommendation:**

The administration recommends approval of the procurement of Digital Assessment Library for Schools from NCS Pearson.

- H. **Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$75,446.55**  
☐ **Budget – General Operating Fund**      ☐ **Bond**      ☒ **Grant/Special Funds**      ☐ **Other**  
**Prior Year Spending** – \$140,197.21 – Total Vendor spend back-up document attached  
**Future/Ongoing** – This procurement will be a recurring cost (annually)
- I. **Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**  
**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action** — Michelle Velasquez, DeAnn Hoschek
- J. **Suggested Motion:**  
I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of digital assessment library plus from NCS Pearson for an amount not to exceed \$75,446.55, as presented.