



Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Board

FROM: Marianne Fidishin, PhD, Executive Director

DATE: March 7, 2018

RE: Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. Contract renewal

The Executive Director recommends approval of the Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. Contract renewal for the 2018-2019 school year.

Brecht's Database Solutions, Inc. provides PowerIEP. PowerIEP is a proficient and comprehensive web-based software program designed to streamline the IEP.

With 13 years of Special Education teaching experience, Gus Brecht understands the time, effort, and expertise required to write quality IEPs. In 1999, he began creating IEP software and has dedicated himself to bringing teachers easy-to-use software with top-notch customer support, with a goal of simplifying the complex IEP writing process. By 2004, the internet and the ability to provide software as a service had improved to the point that Gus was ready to move to a 100% web-based solution. He partnered with Joe Koenig to create the first web-based version of PowerIEP. BDS, Inc. currently serves over 583,000 students in more than 600 school districts.

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, along with four (4) of the joint agreement school districts, begin using PowerIEP during the 2015-2016 school year. Previously, all five (5) joint agreement school districts utilized Netchemia as their electronic IEP software. Starting the 2017-2018 school year and continuing into the 2018-2019 year, all five (5) joint agreement districts use PowerIEP.

The total cost for PowerIEP for the 2018-2019 school year is \$45,623. Below is a history of electronic IEP use and costs.

Year	Total Cost	No. of School Districts	Cost/District
2018-2019	\$45,623.30	5	\$9,124.67
2017-2018	\$45,792.43	5	\$9,158.49
2016-2017	\$37,848.75	4	\$9,462.19
2015-2016	\$48,398.75*	4	\$12,099.69
2014-2015	\$48,908.00**	5	\$9,781.60
2013-2014	\$46,579.00	5	\$9,315.80

*First year of PowerIEP use, cost includes training

**Last year of Nechemia use