

School Board Meeting:

April 28, 2025

Subject:

Bison Online Proposal

Presenters:

**Pam Miller, Director
Teaching and Learning**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval

DESCRIPTION:

Recognizing a growing need for flexible educational options, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose (BHM) Schools sought to develop an in-house online program that will serve students and keep them connected to the district. BHM staff have worked to be strategic and thoughtful in working to provide students with a high-quality online learning experience.

A comprehensive approach to establish Bison Online began with defining a clear program goal. This, coupled with reviewing state and national standards, ensuring alignment across all courses offered through Bison Online guarantees that students will have access to a rigorous education equivalent to traditional classroom instruction. The team also conducted an in-depth investigation of online learning programs and technology tools that could best support student success. After careful evaluation, Edmentum was selected as the primary platform for delivering curriculum, as it offers robust instructional resources, progress monitoring tools, and a user-friendly interface for both students and teachers.

Through collaboration and strategic planning, Bison Online emerged as a sustainable, district-run online learning option tailored to meet the needs of Buffalo High School students. By keeping instruction within the district, BHM Schools can now provide a high-quality, personalized learning experience while maintaining enrollment and strengthening connections with students. Bison Online represents an important step forward in expanding educational opportunities and ensuring that all students have access to flexible, high quality learning experiences.

With these needs and desired goals, of course, comes a significant commitment of purchase for instructional resources in order to meet these needs and goals.

Preliminary budget figures are listed below.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Budget Request</u>
BHS Bison Online (200 licenses)	\$20,374.00