Memo

To:

Superintendent Gina Butters, Weber School District Board of Education

From:

Dr. Rod Belnap, Career and Technical Education Director

Date:

September 26, 2024

Re:

Construction Simulator

Weber District CTE has one of the state's strongest construction pathways. The district offers courses in Tiny Homes, Woodworking, CAD, Welding, and Interior Design to name a few. We want to offer students an opportunity to broaden their skills by purchasing a Construction simulator. The simulator allows students to get hands-on experience on 17 different machines from loaders to excavators, cranes, backhoes, haulers, harvesters (for agriculture) and many more. This will help students to obtain skills that prepare them to be job ready in the workplace and with construction the fastest growing path in Northern Utah, it is feeding our local economy and preparing students for high-paying, high-demand jobs.

The product is \$40,000 and I have written and received a grant for the entire amount of the simulator. Next year, Tenstar (company we are purchasing it from) will bill us for the software licenses for \$22,927, which will also be covered as part of this grant. District CTE will not assume any of the cost of this purchase.

The total amount requested for purchase approval: \$40,000 this year, \$22,927 next year.

We would be happy to provide you with any further information or answer questions regarding this purchase. Thank you for your support and consideration regarding these items.

Professionally,

Rod Belnap, CTE Director