To: Harlem School District Board of Education
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Re: Add-On to CLEAR Contract – License Plate Recognition

Background

The District currently utilizes Thomson Reuters CLEAR to assist with residency verification and investigative processes. CLEAR has provided a valuable resource in confirming student residency, identifying potential fraud, and maintaining compliance with District policy.

As an enhancement to this service, CLEAR offers License Plate Recognition (LPR) software, which provides additional tools to support investigations and district security efforts.

Benefits of LPR

We continue to seek tools that allow us to be proactive and efficient in our investigative practices. The LPR add-on is designed to:

- Save time and resources during investigations
- Make "pattern of life" connections to accelerate investigations
- Identify dates and times vehicles are present at certain locations
- Allow searches by license plates, landmarks, businesses, or streets
- Connect plates to people, businesses, and addresses
- Visualize vehicle locations with full plate search functionality through Google™ Maps

This tool would provide our staff with efficient and accurate information to address residency and security matters while reducing the time and resources needed for manual investigations.

Cost

The additional cost for the License Plate Recognition software is $279.74 per month, billed as an add-on to our existing CLEAR contract. The new monthly amount will be $1,559.00.

Recommendation

Based on the outlined benefits and the continued need for timely and accurate investigative support, I recommend the Harlem School District add the License Plate Recognition software to our current CLEAR contract. This enhancement will strengthen our ability to ensure policy compliance, safeguard resources, and support investigations with greater efficiency.