



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: September 22, 2022

TOPIC: Renewal of CultureGrams by ProQuest for the 2022-23 School Year

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

The District's subscription to CultureGrams, produced by ProQuest is up for renewal and has been used within the District since 2007. CultureGrams provides students in all grades access to reliable, and up-to-date cultural content, fostering an understanding and appreciation of the world's countries and peoples.

CultureGrams is one of the most trusted and widely used cultural reference and curriculum products found in education, government, and non-profit arenas. After analyzing the site and its traffic, CultureGrams averages over 25,000 searches per year from students and teachers within the District.

The District's Legal Counsel reviewed the terms and service provided by ProQuest and has prepared the standard Amendment covering auto renewal, governing law, etc. ProQuest has not returned the signed amendment as of yet. The District is using CultureGrams and the website in such a way that the publisher is not collecting individual data on students. The District currently has an Exhibit E on record to cover any SOPPA student information.

Fiscal Impact:

\$1,264.43. The District paid \$1227.60 during the 2021-2022 school year for the CultureGrams subscription.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to renew the subscription to CultureGrams in the amount of \$1,264.43 for the 2022-23 school year.