

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

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**Subject: Recommendation to Purchase i-Ready
Diagnostic Assessments and Instructional Licenses**

In preparing for the 2018-19 school year, I would like an opportunity to discuss with our Board of Education during the August 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting the recommendation to purchase i-Ready diagnostic and instructional licenses. Since the 2016-17 school year, we have been administering i-Ready Diagnostic assessments in both reading and mathematics at the elementary level. We assess students three times a year, utilizing the results in order to determine how students are performing and what instructional needs they have. These assessments provide teachers with specific information about students' strengths and weaknesses with grade level standards.

This past year, i-Ready on-line adaptive assessment is an approved assessment by the State of Michigan as an initial determination of whether a student is at grade level. All students Kindergarten through sixth grade will be taking the assessment three times a year. We will use the results, along with Fountas and Pinnell, to determine which students need additional support in reading and math. The diagnostic also provides teachers with targeted lessons to support students' areas of weakness.

At the secondary level, we will be administering i-Ready Diagnostic assessments in both reading and mathematics. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that we have a Multi-Tiered Support System for middle school and i-Ready will be used to determine what students need additional Tier II interventions. In addition, targeted secondary students will also be using the instructional licenses, based on the Student Success Plans that were submitted to Mr. Willenborg. Each building determined what resources they need in order to help students who are below grade level close the gap with their peers.

Please find attached a chart that summarizes the anticipated i-Ready assessment and instruction expenditures for the 2018-19 school year. Funds that will be used to pay for the diagnostics and licenses are a mixture of state funded Early Literacy Grant, 31A At-Risk state funding, and Academic Services Department funds.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide additional information on this topic.

Attachments

ITEM #	PRODUCT NAME	QUANTITY	Unit Price	Total
RSZZ002.0	i-Ready Diagnostic Reading Per Student License 1 year K-3 – 3900 licenses 4-6 – 3100 licenses 7-8 – 1400 licenses	8400	\$5.40	\$45,360
RSZZ002.0	i-Ready Diagnostic Math Per Student License 1 year, K-6 – 7000 licenses 7-8 – 1400 licenses	8400	\$5.40	\$45,360
Diagnostic Assessment Total:	16,800 Licenses			\$90,720
RSZZ002.0	Elementary i-Ready Instructional Reading Per Student License 1 year 200 licenses	200	\$24.00	\$4,800
RSZZ002.0	Secondary i-Ready Instructional Reading Per Student License 1 year 400 licenses	400	\$24.00	\$9,600
Instructional Assessment Total:	600 Licenses			\$14,400
2017-18 Grand Total				\$105,120
RS 16954.0	Three days of Professional Development			\$6,000.00