

Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: July 21, 2022

TOPIC: Annual Renewal of Formative at Rutledge Hall for 2022-2023

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Recommended for:

□ Action

□ Discussion

Purpose/Background:

Formative is a cloud-based assessment platform that provides feedback, keeps students engaged and accountable in both virtual and traditional classrooms. Formative provides teachers with real-time information on student work and allows for immediate intervention and support. In the past, Rutledge Hall teachers had used a free version of Formative but were given access to premium features during the 2020 school year. With Formative, teachers have assessment options such as advanced question types, student growth tracking, and the ability to co-teach and collaborate on assessments, benefitting the teaching and learning environment. Most importantly, Formative provides the staff with the tools needed to match the Illinois Learning Standards to assessments that can be shared across the grade level to help make data-informed decisions on mastery of a subject.

During the 2021-2022 school year, Formative was used by over 65% of the core teaching staff at Rutledge Hall, collecting and sharing data on thousands of small assessments within the classrooms.

The District's Legal Counsel has reviewed the Terms of Service and referenced that the vendor was offered our standard amendment to the agreement in the past but had refused to sign. We have re-presented the agreement and the vendor has signed the new amendment. Counsel also offered some past history on the National Data Privacy Agreement (IL-NDPA) and the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA). During the last renewal, counsel reviewed the IL-NDPA from Orland School District #135 and found the document to be acceptable. Counsel indicated at that time the District could sign off an Exhibit E, provided that it accurately reflects the same configuration that we use in our District. This process is now complete.

Fiscal Impact:

\$3,515.89. The District paid Formative \$3,421 during the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to renew the Formative license at Lincoln Hall for the amount of \$3,515.89 for the 2022-2023 school year.