



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: April 17, 2025

TOPIC: District Purchasing Update(s)

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### Recommended for:

- ☐ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

### Purpose/Background:

This document provides the Finance Committee with an update of ongoing District renewals and/or purchases that will not require Board Approval based on criteria adopted in May 2023.

### Items for Finance Committee Review:

- Gaggle for 2025-2026
  - Gaggle provides archiving services for all staff members using SD74.org domain emails, past and present.
  - The District worked with the vendor to clean out our Google domains and insure that Gaggle was archiving our accounts correctly.
  - \$3,725 - The District paid \$3,510 for the same services for the 24-25 school year.
- Learning.com for 2025-2026
  - The Learning A-Z Company creates many products that are used within the District. Titles like Vocabulary A-Z, Raz-Kids, Reading A-Z, and Raz-Plus provide the teachers and students with resources and content to help reinforce independent reading, word recognition and vocabulary concepts.
  - These products are used by hundreds of students throughout the District and provide them with lessons that seamlessly connect instruction to a current topic of study.
  - Teachers can assign lessons to students for online independent practice as well as differentiated instruction to help raise student achievement.

- o During the 24-25 School year, the number of licenses of this product grew as it is being used in the 3rd grade at Rutledge Hall as well as adding EL Edition Licenses.
  - o This renewal is based on 24 licenses for Vocabulary A-Z, 38 licenses for Raz-Plus and 7 licenses for Raz-Plus EL Edition.
  - o \$12,949 - The District paid \$11,747 for the services during the 24-25 school year.
- Dell Support Contract Extension for 2025-2026
  - o Dell is the manufacturer of the three data servers within our datacenter. These servers are 5 years old and while they are close to end of life, an extended warranty can be purchased on these units.
  - o This will provide the district the comfort knowing that if needed, parts, repairs and updates are available.
  - o This extension will provide the District with the time needed during the next school year to plan on new server equipment to be installed in tandem with future upgrades to the security systems as well as future telephony upgrades.
  - o \$3,772.87 - The District paid \$38,056.59 for the hardware **and** warranties during the 19-20 school year.
- Formative for 2025-2026
  - o Formative is a cloud-based assessment platform that provides feedback and keeps students engaged, accountable in both virtual and traditional classrooms.
  - o Formative provides teachers with real-time information on student work and allows for immediate intervention and support.
  - o \$3,693.69 - The District paid \$3,517.80 for the services during the 24-25 school year.
- Pebble Go for 2025-2026
  - o PebbleGo is a curricular content hub specifically designed for K-2 students.
  - o This service contains informational articles, ready-made activities, and literacy supports for students of all abilities It boosts engagement and fosters independent learning in core subject areas.
  - o This product has been in use for many years at Todd Hall and fits the needs of K-2 learners.
  - o \$1,197 - The District paid \$1,197 for the services during the 24-25 school year.
- FastBridge Renewal for 2025-2026
  - o The FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) system was developed based on research from the University of Minnesota in 2003. It includes both curriculum-based measures (for screening and progress monitoring) and computer-adaptive assessment measures (for diagnostic).
  - o This tool has been used across the Township since 2018 as an evaluation to benchmark all students in reading and math and progress monitor ongoing performance for those students receiving academic support services.

- \$7,786.47. The District paid \$7,434.07 for the services during the 24-25 school year.
- Proquest/CultureGrams Renewal for 2025-2026
  - 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.
  - \$1,401.90 The District paid \$1,354.49 for the same services for the 24-25 school year.
- Neptune Navigate Digital Citizenship Curriculum for 2025-2026
  - Through a series of activities, discussions, and multimedia presentations the District uses this to teach internet safety.
  - The program offers lessons in modules such as: Digital Footprint, Social Media, and Media Literacy. Neptune Navigate is being used in complement with the Common Sense Media digital citizenship program also implemented in the District.
  - \$1,750. The District paid \$1,750 for the same services for the 24-25 school year.