



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: January 20, 2022

TOPIC: 2022-2023 Encyclopedia Britannica Renewal

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

Encyclopedia Britannica is a curricular tool that is available online to all students in the District. The resources found through this service meet the unique needs of every learner as students can toggle between three reading levels on each article, have articles read aloud, and use Merriam-Webster's dictionary to hear words pronounced and read their definitions. Each article can also be translated into over 80 languages. For every search, information pulled from Britannica School appears on the right side of the screen, ensuring that students are learning from a reliable and fact-checked source. Based upon usage statistics, this product is being used widely across the District.

We have asked the vendor to offer a longer than normal contract so that this product will be expiring at the end of the 2023 school year to align with the end of the school year and our fiscal year. District Legal Counsel has reviewed these Terms and the Quote for Encyclopedia Britannica Renewal and found it acceptable. Counsel noted that SOPPA does not apply to this vendor.

Fiscal Impact:

\$977.50 for the use of Britannica School Subscription for all students and teachers in the school District.
(The District paid Encyclopedia Britannica \$665.00 in 2021-2022)

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Britannica School Subscription Renewal Contract in the amount of \$977.50 from January 31, 2022 to June 30, 2023.