



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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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:

- Learning.com for 2026-2027
 - The Learning A-Z Company creates many ELA 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.
 - During the 25-26 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.
 - Based on the adoption of the new ELA Curriculum programs, as well as the decreased use of the Vocabulary A-Z portion of the software, the District has elected not to renew this title, saving the District \$3000.
 - This renewal is based on 38 licenses for Raz-Plus and 7 licenses for Raz-Plus EL Edition.
 - \$11,887 - The District paid \$12,949 for the services during the 25-26 school year. Due to lack of use of the Vocabulary A-Z portion of the software, the District has decided not to renew that section.

- SeeSaw for 2026-2027
 - Seesaw is a Learning Management System (LMS) that allows teachers at Todd Hall to create and share online activities and assignments with students and communicate with families.
 - Students use creative tools to write, draw, take pictures, and record videos in order to capture their learning and receive feedback.
 - Teachers and families at Todd Hall use the service to communicate with families during e-learning sessions.
 - \$3,610 - The District paid \$3,440 for the services during the 25-26 school year.

- Proquest/CultureGrams Renewal for 2026-2027
 - 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.
 - \$1,450.97 The District paid \$1,401.90 for the same services for the 25-26 school year.

- Jamf School Renewal for 2026-2027
 - Jamf provides Mobile Device Management (MDM) services for all District iPads.
 - The Jamf MDM service schedules software updates, pushes approved applications to student iPads, and creates profiles for students and devices to allow them to be used with the classroom and off campus.
 - By removing certain feature sets that are not in use, the District has reduced the yearly expense of this product.
 - Through a negotiation with Jamf, the District is transitioning into a multi-year agreement, reducing annual increases in the pricing of this product.
 - \$8,010 - The District paid \$8,250 for the services during the 25-26 school year.

- Schoology for 2026-2027
 - Since 2015 Lincolnwood School District 74 has used the Schoology Learning Management System, a product of PowerSchool, to manage the communication and workflow between teachers, classes, and the students at Lincoln Hall.
 - The LMS links student curriculum packages as well as Google Drive files and the Powerschool information system.
 - This package has had much discussion over the last 2 years as teachers look at other alternatives to possibly replace it. With the upcoming changes in ADA regulations as well as an increased interest in the Google Classroom platform this could be the last year and that we utilize the schoology package.
 - \$6,062.68 - The District paid \$5,666.06 for the services during the 26-27 school year.

- FastBridge Renewal for 2026-2027
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - \$8,180.01. The District paid \$7,786.47 for the services during the 25-26 school year.