

Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

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TOPIC: Comprehensive District Software Inventory Report

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this report and presentation is to provide a comprehensive overview of the various software packages, applications and websites and services that are utilized within Lincolnwood School District. This report goes beyond the general summary of numbers, but provides a thorough understanding of all of our software assets.

The updated charts and graphs provide information such as software titles, brief descriptions, and yearly cost increases. It is important to consider many external factors such as inflation that may contribute to increases in software costs. These titles are divided into four main categories, which include: Curriculum Tools, Supplemental Software, Assessment Tools, and Technology Operations.

Curriculum Tools:

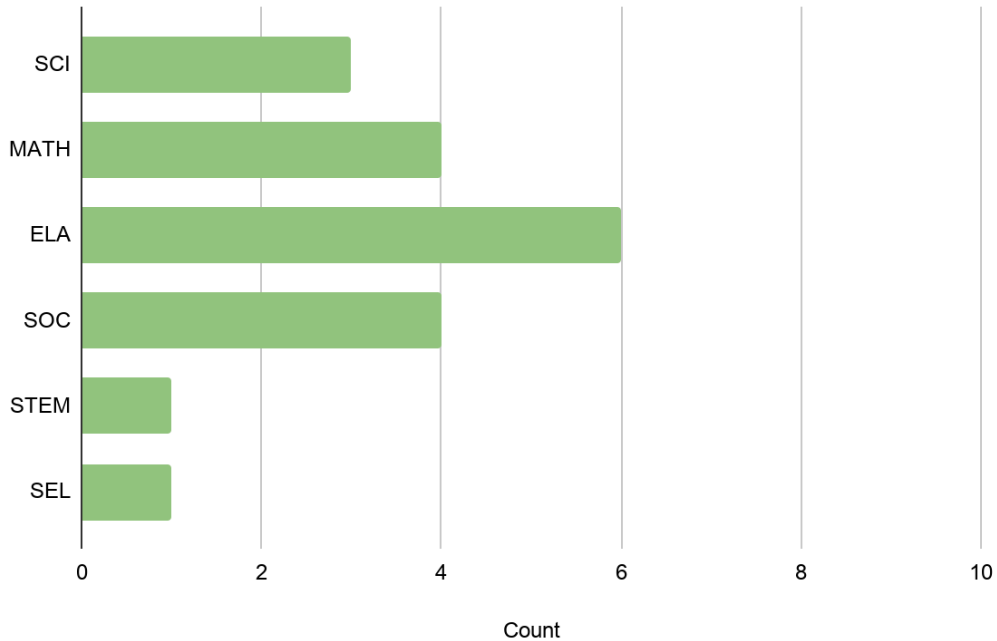
These software packages, even if acquired through different departments like Mathematics, Science, or Language Arts, all have technology components and are important to all learners, given our one-to-one personal learning device program, which extends throughout the District.

CORE CURRICULUM SOFTWARE		26-27	25-26	
American Reading Company 3-5	ELA Curriculum	\$109,173.33	\$109,173.33	0.0%
Amplify Science 6-8	Science Curriculum	\$22,006.00	\$22,006.00	0.0%
Carnegie Learning Math 6-8	Math Software	\$17,714.33	\$17,714.33	0.0%
Carnegie Learning Math 3-5	Math Software	\$19,477.00	\$19,477.00	0.0%
Carnegie Learning Math K-2	Math Software	\$19,477.00	\$19,477.00	0.0%
Common Lit 6-8	ELA Curriculum	\$5,850.00	\$0.00	100.0%
Everyday Speech	ELA Curriculum	\$2,636.50	\$2,399.96	9.0%
HMH Into Reading K-2	ELA Curriculum	\$41,415.42	\$41,415.42	0.0%
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 3 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$1,455.00	\$1,455.00	0.0%
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 4 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$1,861.00	\$1,861.00	0.0%
IMPACT Social Studies Grade 5 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$2,066.00	\$2,066.00	0.0%
Mystery Science RH	Science Curriculum	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00	0.0%
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Mystery Writing RH	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$1,295.00	\$1,295.00	0.0%
Number Worlds by McGraw-Hill	Math Curriculum	X	\$0.00	-
PLTW (Project Lead The Way)	STEM - GRANT FUNDED	\$2,850.00	\$2,850.00	0.0%
Reading Mastery by McGraw-Hill	NEW- ELA SPED Curriculum	\$22,374.76	\$0.00	100.0%
Second Step	INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$8,925.21	\$8,334.00	6.6%
Voices and Perspectives Grade 6 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$2,290.00	\$2,290.00	0.0%
Voices and Perspectives Grade 7 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	0.0%
Voices and Perspectives Grade 8 by McGraw-Hill	Social Science	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	0.0%

Number of Curriculum Packages / Titles:

The following information details the number of software packages we help manage to support various curriculum categories. During the last few years the number of choices have reduced, indicating a centralized approach ensuring that all teachers and teams are using common resources.

Core Curriculum Software Package Breakdown



Assessment Tools:

These software packages are used by the District to gather information on student growth and achievement as well as mandated packages, required by the Illinois State Board of education, to pull student data on Mathematics, Science, and Language Arts performance.

ASSESSMENT SOFTWARE		26-27	25-26	
Fastbridge	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$8,180.01	\$7,786.47	4.8%
FitnessGram by Human Kinetics	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$598.00	\$498.00	16.7%
ISBE ISA TESTING PLATFORM	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
MAP by NWEA	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT - KEPT COST LOWER	\$15,592.50	\$15,164.10	2.7%
Pearson Access Next for PARCC	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-

Overall Per Student Costs for Assessments Tools.

Due to stability in pricing and locking in multi year contracts, the overall cost per student for assessment software for students remains relatively steady at just over \$20 per student.

Supplemental Software:

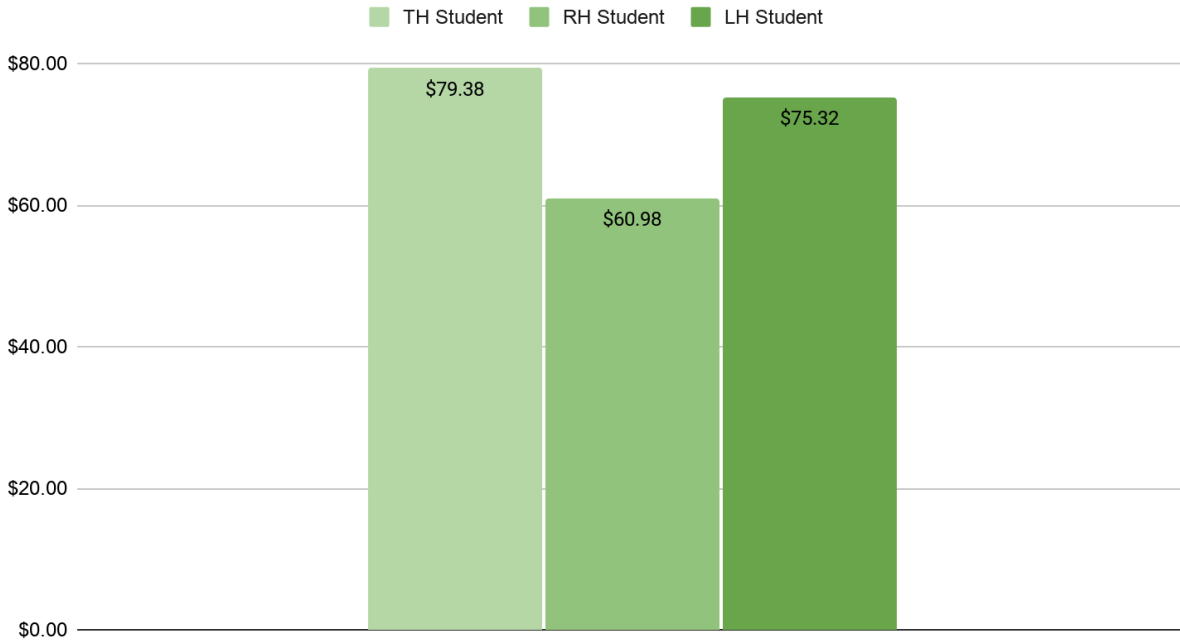
These software packages are used by teachers and students to reinforce concepts, enhance skills, or cover specific skill areas which our current curriculum may lack. Some titles listed here may also target supplemental resources to specific student populations, such as Special Education or English Language Learners (EL), or used for intervention purposes.

SUPPLEMENTAL SOFTWARE	ACTIONS TAKEN	26-27	25-26	
AutoDesk Series Of Software	PART OF PLTW CURRICULUM - NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	NA
BoardMaker Online	ONLY BEING USED FOR SPECIAL ED STUDENT NEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Book Creator	PART OF SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM - NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Bookflix	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$1,350.00	\$1,219.00	9.7%
BrainPop.	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$8,325.00	\$8,100.00	2.7%
BrainPop. Jr.	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$2,525.00	\$2,457.00	2.7%
BrainPop. ELL	DISCONTINUE IN 2026	\$0.00	\$1,215.00	-
Breakout EDU	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$99.00	\$99.00	0.0%
Britannica Encyclopedia	INFLATION COST INCREASE	\$1,103.00	\$1,000.00	9.3%
Culturegrams by ProQuest	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$1,450.97	\$1,401.90	3.4%
EdPuzzle	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Facts4Me	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.0%
Flipgrid	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Flocabulary	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$4,265.00	\$3,965.00	7.0%
Formative / NewsELA	NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR ADDITIONAL SAVING	\$3,744.69	\$3,693.69	1.4%
Gim Kit	NO COST	\$58.00	\$49.00	15.5%
Gizmos Teaching and Learning	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
GoNoodle	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Heggerty	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$89.00	\$89.00	0.0%
IXL ELA GR 1-8	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT Y1 LOADED 50% OF COST	\$29,000.00	\$10,802.00	62.8%
Jolly Phonics	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$300.00	\$300.00	0.0%
Kahoot	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Khan Academy / Kids	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Language Live Voyager Sopris	RENEWED - LOWER PRICE	\$2,538.00	\$2,862.00	-12.8%
Learning A-Z - Raz Plus	COST INCREASE - ADDED RESOURCES TO NEW POSITIONS	\$11,362.00	\$9,424.00	17.1%
Learning A-Z - Raz Plus ELL	COST INCREASE - ADDED RESOURCES TO NEW POSITIONS	\$525.00	\$525.00	0.0%
Learning A-Z - Vocab A-Z	DISCONTINUE IN 2026	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	-
LessonPix	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$384.00	\$295.00	23.2%
MyNGConnect by Cengage Inside	RENEWED FOR 22-28 SCHOOL YEAR	\$1,125.93	\$1,125.93	0.0%
Nearpod	MIGRATED SUBSCRIPTION TO INDIVIDUAL	\$159.00	\$159.00	0.0%
Neptune Navigate	DISCOUNTED AS SERVICE WILL DISCONTUNE IN 2027	\$545.00	\$1,750.00	-221.1%
NewsELA / NewsELA	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$8,200.00	\$8,000.00	2.4%
Novel Effect	HOLIDAY SALE PRICE	\$37.50	\$49.00	-30.7%
Padlett Pro	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Pebble Go! by Capstone	RENEWED SAME PRICE	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.0%

Quizlet - Flashcards & Study Tools	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Rosetta Stone	INCREASED LICENSES FOR DISTRICT NEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Scholastic - Storyworks Jr.	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
StarFall	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$355.00	\$355.00	0.0%
Typing Club	LAST YEAR OF AGREEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Vex ROBOTC	PART OF PLTW CURRICULUM - NO COST		\$0.00	-
XtraMath Premium	RENEWED SAME PRICE AND ADDED USERS TO RESOURCE	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.0%
Writable, Inc	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$3,801.00	\$3,480.00	8.4%
Zaner-Bloser	PART OF K-2 CURRICULUM - NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-

Overall Per Student Supplemental Software Costs:

The supplemental software packages average out to the following estimated costs for the students within the three schools. Please note that these costs are estimated as this is based strictly upon enrollment data and could vary depending on student schedules. These estimated costs include both packages that would be essential to access resources at the individual school, along with package costs that would be part of a district subscription. Overall during the last few years these prices have decreased about \$10 per student.



Technology Operations:

This category covers software purchased for the operational needs of the school and District, individual purchases solely related to the upkeep and operation of the technology systems, and software that might used by all students and faculty.

TECH DEPARTMENT PURCHASES		26-27	25-26	
Adobe Suite Software	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$500.00	\$480.00	4.0%
Frontline Absence Management	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT - KEPT COST LOWER	\$4,438.66	\$4,438.66	0.0%
Frontline Applicant Tracking	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT - KEPT COST LOWER	\$2,053.11	\$1,936.90	5.7%
Frontline Financial Planning Analytics	NEW PRODUCT	\$14,200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
Apple School Manager	FREE FOR EDU CLIENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Brightly /SchoolDude Maint	SCHEDULED FOR REPLACEMENT IN 2028	\$6,946.25	\$6,785.67	2.3%
Bright Arrow	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	\$3,873.00	\$3,673.00	5.2%
Classlink	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT - KEPT COST LOWER	\$5,550.00	\$5,550.00	0.0%
Classlink Threat Scan and Analytics	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$0.00	\$1,675.00	-
File Maker Software	NOT NEEDED DISTRICT OWNS SOFTWARE	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Final Site	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$2,829.00	\$2,629.00	7.1%
Follett/Destiny	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Gaggle Archiving	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	\$4,190.00	\$3,725.00	11.1%
Genuity	RENEWED - PRICE INCREASE	\$479.00	\$479.00	0.0%
Go Daddy	CERTIFICATES FOR SERVERS 3YR PLAN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.0%
Google- GAFFE	FREE FOR EDU CLIENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Imagetec Printer Lease	MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$50,080.00	\$50,080.00	0.0%
Infinitec	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
iVisions	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
JAMF Suite	LOWER PRICE WITH MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$8,010.00	\$8,250.00	-3.0%
JotForm for New Employees	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Lincolnwood Public Library	NO COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Magic School AI	RENEWED - LOWER PRICE	\$5,250.00	\$5,625.00	-7.1%
MBA Attendance Module	NEW PRODUCT	\$3,979.00	\$0.00	100.0%
MBA Report Creator Module	NEW PRODUCT	\$4,222.00	\$0.00	100.0%
Meal Magic	NEW PRODUCT	\$4,395.00	\$5,194.00	-18.2%
MealViewer Digital Suite	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00	0.0%
Meraki Licensing	PURCHASED AS NEEDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Microsoft Office 16	PURCHASED AS NEEDED	\$0.00	\$0.00	-
Mosaic HBS	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$4,395.00	\$5,194.00	-18.2%
PSCB PowerSchool Custom Reports	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$385.00	\$385.00	0.0%
PowerSchool Maintenance and Support	LOWER PRICE WITH MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$9,740.00	\$9,456.54	2.9%
PowerSchool Registration	LOWER PRICE WITH MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT	\$13,890.00	\$13,485.61	2.9%
Powerschool Schoology	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$6,062.68	\$5,666.06	6.5%
Raptor	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$3,400.00	\$3,250.00	4.4%
Raptor Tablet Subscription	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$1,950.00	\$1,954.68	-0.2%

Seesaw	RENEWED - INFLATION PRICE INCREASE	\$3,610.00	\$3,440.00	4.7%
SignUp Genius	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$539.89	\$539.89	0.0%
SMORE	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$180.00	\$180.00	0.0%
Vivi	NEW SERVICE	\$716.00	\$716.00	0.0%
Vimeo WRH WLH	RENEWED AND KEPT PRICES AT SAME PRICE	\$84.00	\$84.00	0.0%
Zoom	RENEWED SAME PRICE - PER USERS BASIS	\$480.00	\$480.00	0.0%

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Cost Per Student Technology Subscriptions



IOS Applications

In previous reports we have included an overview of the iOS applications that are currently being used within our School District as we differentiate those from our paid subscription. During the current school year, the District **did not add any** notable applications to our inventory, other than the specific packages that were required to support our curriculum packages. These additions did not add any additional costs to our budgets.

Conclusion

While costs have leveled slightly over the past year, we continue to use techniques to keep items under control and reduce costs wherever possible. As a team, we continue working to manage and control expenses through a variety of measures, including:

- **Removal of Unused Software:** Products that are no longer in use have been phased out or removed.
- **Reduction in Subscriptions:** The team has reviewed products that are in use by many staff members, but not to justify a full District subscription.
- **Cost Reduction Strategies:** The team has implemented cost reduction strategies, such as renegotiating contracts for more favorable terms and using databases only during school hours to avoid unnecessary expenses.
- **Product Substitution:** The discontinuation of certain software products, favoring more cost-effective alternatives.
- **Redesigned Software Application Process:** This revised process allows teachers to fill out an online form which requires a bit more research and includes a more stringent questioning approach.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Should you have any questions or require further discussion on this report, please do not hesitate to contact our Tech Department or Curriculum Department at any time. We are here to provide any clarification or insights needed.