

(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON THE AWARD OF EXCEPTION-TO-BID REQUESTS

This item initiated by the Administration.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the following exception-to-bid requests:

Exception Authorization to Contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System for Grant Evaluation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of Wisconsin Center for Educational Research (WCER) for grant evaluation services. WCER will be used to provide and conduct a mixed-method evaluation, to the MPS Department of Curriculum & Instruction, featuring both qualitative and quantitative analyses by evaluators from the Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative (WER) in the WCER.

WCER is required to be used for these services, pursuant to the Jacob K. Javits' Gifted and Talented Students Education Program grant. The evaluation will be led by Dr. Annalee Good with assistance from a team of evaluators with specific expertise in evaluating advanced learning initiatives as well as best practices in program implementation. The team will provide both formative and summative feedback to the programming team, with the ultimate priority of improving the implementation and impact of the initiative.

The contract will run from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, (the "Initial Term"), with two additional one-year options to extend by mutual consent.

The total cost of the contract in the Initial Term will not exceed \$63,000.

Budget Code:

GAT-P-S-2R8-CI-ECTS(Contracted Services).....\$63,000

Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

ProposedN/A

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 100 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Contract with Clearwing Productions, Inc. for Audio/Visual Services at the All City Arts Festival

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Clearwing Productions, Inc. for audio/visual services at the Summerfest grounds for the MPS All City Arts Festival taking place May 8th through 11th, 2018. Contractor is the exclusive vendor for A/V equipment and services at the Summerfest grounds, the venue of the festival.

Building on the success of the Biennial Music Festival, the MPS All City Arts Festival is now expanding to showcase all art forms offered in City of Milwaukee schools. This event will

involve students from all regions at the elementary, middle, and high school levels presenting music, culinary, dance, art, and theater performances.

This work is supported and enhanced by a number of partnerships among various public and private schools, artists, arts organizations, and the community. In its 47th year, the MPS All City Arts Festival will be the exciting finale to the Year of the Arts in Milwaukee Public Schools.

The contract will run from May 8, 2018 through May 11, 2018.

The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$56,625.

Budget Code:

CCM-0-0-MFE-DW-ECTS..... (Contracted Services).....\$56,625

Clearwing Productions, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

ProposedN/A

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with College Entrance Examination Board for SpringBoard Professional Development

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board ("College Board") to provide professional development for its Springboard curriculum product in addition to the continued implementation and expansion of SpringBoard and the Advanced Placement (AP) initiative in MPS. Springboard began in the spring of 2013 as an AP expansion initiative in MPS. The student materials and teacher institutes and workshops provide skills, strategies, and materials needed to be successful in AP as either a student or teacher. Annually, the Administration has provided SpringBoard materials, workshops and resources to approximately 120 teachers and 6,000 students. College Board is the only contractor authorized to offer professional development around Springboard.

For the 2018 - 2019 school year, continuing Springboard support will be provided to participating schools: Audubon Technology and Communication High School; Bay View High School; Golda Meir School; Alexander Hamilton High School; Hartford Avenue University School; Humboldt Park School; James Madison Academic Campus; Milwaukee School of Languages; Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented; Milwaukee Marshall High School; and Vincent High School. The Springboard program will be offered to all students in grades six through twelve at these participating schools in Mathematics and English Language Arts. These schools will also receive expanded AP course offerings in the hopes of increasing student success in these courses.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement. This will be the second extension of this contract.

This contract extension will run from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. The total cost of the contract in this extension year will not exceed \$350,000.

Budget Code:

ENG-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS (Contracted Services)\$150,000
 MTH-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Contracted Services).....\$150,000
 SDV-0-S-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Contracted Services).....\$50,000

College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required0%
 Proposed0%
 \$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS /12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Purchase from Cooperative Educational Service Agency for Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Cooperative Educational Service Agency for the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS). From 2012 through 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) required that school districts assess the reading readiness of all students enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten to second grade using PALS. Beginning in the 2016 – 2017 school year, DPI provided districts the opportunity to continue using PALS or select a different assessment of reading readiness.

The Administration, based on strong positive teacher feedback, has decided to continue to use PALS due to: its usefulness to inform instruction; for continuity purposes; as well as the ability to receive added benefits at no additional charge through CESA. By purchasing from CESA, the District will receive professional development tailored to MPS needs. This purchase also includes PALS Español for K5 - second grade bilingual students. PALS K4 Español is not yet available, but the district received a waiver from DPI as the field testing of PALS K4 Español qualifies for the testing requirement.

The DPI Office of Assessment has indicated that this purchase will be fully reimbursed if the assessment rate per student is at or below \$8.00 to \$9.00. The Administration is purchasing sufficient assessments to assess 18,934 students at the rate of \$7.25 per student. Over 1,000 licenses purchased in 2017 - 18 will be rolled over to the 2018 - 19 school year.

The total cost of this purchase will not exceed \$137,271.50.

Budget Code:

SYS-0-0-AMT-RH-ECTS.....(Contracted Services).....\$137,271.50

CESA**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required0%
 Proposed0%
 \$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS /12-mo contract

Exception Authorization to Purchase Renewal Virtual Library Services Subscriptions with Various Vendors

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue purchase orders for one-year renewal subscriptions for district-wide virtual library services. The current virtual library databases offer continuity in the District's overall plan to invest in library staffing and technology and continue to be a core resource for the library skills (research and inquiry) curriculum. Digital resources allow students to engage in research/inquiry to investigate topics and provide experiences for self-directed, real-life investigations.

These purchases will be paid for with Common School Funds. The Common School Fund provides annual library aid support to all Wisconsin public school districts. Each district must spend its total Library Aid allocation for appropriate library materials by June 30 of that same year. Digital, video-streamed, or web-based resources are earmarked materials that support the school library media program.

The District's collection of digital resources provides equity to all MPS sites. Additionally, full access to all databases is available from home on a 24/7 basis. Onsite and online professional development is available to all MPS educators for all resources. Specific information about each renewal is outlined below. The total cost of these subscription services will not exceed \$1,340,632.98.

Vendor	Product(s)	Subscription Period	Grades of Focus	Amount
Defined Learning	Defined STEM	July 31, 2018 - July 31, 2019	K - 12	\$277,860.00
Discovery Education	DE Curriculum Services (Streaming)	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	K4 - 12	\$328,747.50
Flocabulary	Flocabulary	August 1, 2018 - August 2, 2019	K4 - 12	\$106,400.00
Cengage Learning	Biography in Context	June 30, 2018 - June 29, 2019	7 - 12	\$43,709.45
Knovation	netTrekker, Brain POP	Sept. 22, 2018 - Sept. 21, 2019	K4 - 8	\$253,856.73
OverDrive	Digital Library, eBooks, Video, and Audio	August 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019	K - 12	\$70,000.00
Proquest	SIRS Discoverer/SIRS Issues Researcher	August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019	6 - 12	\$20,470.00
Proquest	Culture Grams Online	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	3 - 12	\$53,600.00
Texthelp, Inc.	Read & Write Google/Snapverter	August 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019	K4 - 12	\$104,689.50
World Book Inc.	Digital Subscription	July 30, 2018 - July 1, 2019	K4 - 12	\$31,424.80
Xello {Career Cruising}	CCSpark	Oct. 1, 2018 - Sept. 30, 2019	K - 12	\$49,875.00

Budget Code:

SLB-0S-CSF-DW-ESWR(School Library – Non-Textbooks).....\$1,340,632.98

Various Vendors**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS /12-mo contract