

To: Board of Education

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Re: Purchase of ClassLink software

Date: June 25, 2018

Background:

*Board Goal 2: Expand communication and community connections through increased engagement*

*Sub Goal 2c: Adopt a Student Information and Learning Management System that is user-friendly and accessible to students, staff and parents*

In September 2017, the Board approved the purchase of PowerSchool as the Student Information and Learning Management System for implementation in the 2018-19 school year. Replacing multiple platforms with one single program improves the user experience and is a cost-savings. PowerSchool replaces Skyward, the current Student Information System, Blackboard, a Learning Management System, Viewpoint, a data warehouse and SEAS, the district's Special Education IEP Management system.

Additional feedback collected by ALTEC, a division of the Center for Research on Learning at the University of Kansas, as part of the 1:1 iPad Implementation Evaluation Report indicated that students, parents and teachers of students using 1:1 devices were most frustrated with the need for multiple log-ins to access one or more pieces of software to utilize their devices.

As such, the Technology Services Department researched and met with area 1:1 districts to explore solutions.

Rationale:

ClassLink further supports the Board goal for a 'user-friendly and accessible' Student information and Learning Management System, by:

- Eliminating the need for manual inputting of rosters by providing a rostering server that can be integrated into classes (saving hours of manpower)
- Assisting with the multiple logins currently required with SecURLy, our current filtering solution
- Providing a single sign-on portal for all linked curriculum
- Providing a single sign-on portal for parents to sign in on PowerSchool to pay fees, etc.
- Allowing elementary students to log in using a QR code, saving class time and maximizing learning time in the classroom

- Allowing districts to track resource usage to help determine which learning applications are adding value and we are not giving a return on investment, leading to cost-savings
- Allowing for users to easily share files between cloud storage accounts such as Google Drive, One Drive (both used by the district), and Dropbox, as well as allowing for remote access to files on the school network
- Allowing end users to change passwords off-site should phishing scams occur

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the purchase of an annual license for ClassLink software from ClassLink, Inc., for implementation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year from the Administrative Technology Budget.

Motion:

"I move that the Board of Education purchase the annual ClassLink site license from ClassLinc Inc., including a one-time set up and training fee, at a cost not to exceed \$34,095.00 for implementation beginning in the 2018-19 school year and to be paid from the Administrative Technology budget."