

To: Board of Education

From: Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology
Monte Westfall, director, virtual education

RE: Fuel Education Curriculum Purchase

Date: September 10, 2018

Background:

A portion of Lawrence Virtual School's K-12th grade curriculum is provided by Fuel Education (formerly known as K12, Inc.). The USD497 Board agreed to automatically renew with Fuel Education for the 2018-19 school year based on the terms agreed upon from 2014-15. Curriculum payments are made to Fuel Education on a monthly basis. If a student withdraws from LVS, then payment for that student ceases.

Rationale:

The District has sponsored the Lawrence Virtual School over the past 13 years. Support, involvement and growth are at all-time highs. The rigor and quality curriculum Fuel Education provides is one aspect of continued interest in LVS.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends that the District purchase curriculum for up to 1,050 students K-12 at LVS for the 2018-19 school year at a cost not to exceed \$985,000 and to be paid from LVS K-8 Online Textbooks (1810000035-56540, LVS HS Online Textbooks (1810007235-56540) and Professional Education Contract Services (1810000035-53200).

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve the purchase of 2018-2019 virtual school curriculum from Fuel Education at a total cost up to \$985,000, to be paid from the virtual education budget.