

To: Board of Education

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Re: Nearpod licenses for Middle and High School staff

Date: August 10, 2017

Background:

Nearpod enables teachers to create, download and teach interactive lessons on any device. Teachers have real time access to student feedback and post lesson reports to assess individual and class performance. Lessons can be synced to all student devices or launched as student-paced lessons enabling high student participation. Nearpod promotes the skills of communication, creativity and collaboration. On-site and online professional development is available to support teacher in the use of Nearpod. Below are links to Nearpod:

[Nearpod - Education Tool](#)

[Nearpod in Middle School Science](#)

Rationale:

Nearpod creates a bridge between curriculum and technology for schools. With 4500+ ready-to-teach, standards aligned, customizable lessons and 75 Digital Citizenship lessons classroom engagement will be transformed. Virtual reality goggles enable students to travel virtually through their devices by access the 100 VR lessons. Teachers are able to create interactive lessons by importing their own files, Google slides, websites or videos as well.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the payment of \$31,500 for Nearpod licenses and professional development (no shipping cost). Funding of this payment has been budgeted and will be paid from 24100007100-56560 and 2410007200-56560.

Motion:

"I move that the Board of Education approve payment in the amount of \$31,500 for Nearpod licenses and professional development for 2017-2018 implementation."