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To: Jacqueline Posey
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Title: Approval of Adoption Number 14-13 Grades K12 Online Curriculum Adoption

Purpose: To request TUSD Governing Board approval to adopt K12 Online Curriculum options.
Description and Justification: Online curriculum will be used to provide content for full-time online students, TUSD students for credit recovery, credit acceleration and curriculum options and staff for to support and enhance the delivery of Arizona State Standards and Common Core State Standards in TUSD schools. Approval of this request will support reduced dropout rates, increased graduation rates, differentiation of instruction and increased school ratings.

Evaluation: A committee was formed to evaluate the adoption proposals based on the selection criteria set forth in the original adoption. The committee was comprised of the following members:

Stuart Baker – Coordinator of Distant Learning – Committee Chair – Non-Voting
Margaret Burkholder – Math Curriculum Coordinator – voting member
Jean D'Andre – Language Acquisition Coach – voting member
Elaine House – Exceptional Education Ombudsman – voting member
Bob Kramer – Education Technology Integration Specialist – voting member
Andrew Marafino – Online Teacher – voting member
Frances Tate – Online Teacher – voting member
John Tate – Online Teacher – voting member

The initial meeting was on April 30th where committee members were provided with materials to review and scoring was discussed. The committee reviewed the material and online demonstrations accounts for the 13 vendors who responded to the adoption request. Scores were submitted and compiled which narrowed the field to nine.

Phase two letters were sent out on June 6th. The sixty-day review period started on June 26th. Vendors were invited to present to the committee on August 14th and 16th. Best and final offers were reviewed on August 23 and the committee members submitted their final scores.

Recommendation: Because of the broad range of this adoption, the recommendation is to approve multiple providers. First the recommendations general curriculum:

- K12 Virtual – Provides a wide range of classes at all levels from kindergarten to 12th grade. The content is strong and has been used successfully in the district for the last six years. Delivery is in more traditional format that appeals to many students.
- Edmentum – (Formerly Plato) Provides a wide range of classes and content from kindergarten through 12th grade. The content is extremely flexible allowing the creation

of everything from individualized lessons on a single objective up through a class. The content has been used successfully in the district for the last seven years. Delivery is more visual and divided into smaller segments.

- Edgenuity – (Formerly E20/20) Provides a wide range of classes and content from kindergarten through 12th grade. The content is strong and flexible and provides for blended learning situations. Delivery is in smaller segments and has the option of listening to a video teacher explain the lesson.

Next for specific content needs:

- Advanced Academics – Provides content with high level of rigor appropriate for students needing an extra challenge. Delivery is in more tradition format.
- Pearson – Provides a wide range of content but in particular a diagnostic testing option that provides proscriptive results to assist struggling students who may be missing foundational knowledge.

Finally, world language options:

- Auralog Inc. – Provides four languages and ESOL content. Delivery is in a wide variety of formats with translation support.
- Rosetta Stone – Provides 30 languages including ESOL content. This has been used successfully in the district for the last seven years.



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