

(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 Extend a Contract with College Entrance Examination Board d/b/a The College Board for SpringBoard Materials and Professional Development

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a 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. 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. Since 2016, SpringBoard materials, workshops, and resources have been provided to approximately 130 teachers and 7,000 students. Next year, it is anticipated over 160 teachers; over 8,000 students in mathematics; and over 8,000 students in English Language Arts will participate in SpringBoard.

College Board is the only contractor authorized to offer professional development around SpringBoard. The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

For the 2021-2022 school year, continuing SpringBoard support in Mathematics and/or English Language Arts will be provided to participating schools: Audubon Middle and High School, Bay View High School, Golda Meir Middle and High School, Green Tree Preparatory Academy, Hamilton High School, Hartford Middle Grades, Humboldt Park Middle Grades, Madison Academic Campus, Milwaukee School of Languages Middle and High School, Milwaukee School of the Arts, Morse Middle School, Marshall High School, and Vincent High School. The SpringBoard program will be offered to students in grades six through twelve at these participating schools in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Currently, all high schools listed above offer Advanced Placement courses for students.

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend upon mutual agreement of the parties. MPS is exercising the second option year for the contract.

This second and final contract extension will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The total cost of the contract in this second extension year will not exceed \$700,000.

Budget Code(s):

ENG-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction Contract Services).....\$300,000
MTH-0-I-SBD-CI-ECTS.....(Instruction Contract Services).....\$300,000
SDV-0-S-SBD-CI-ECTS..(Professional Development Contract Services)...\$100,000

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

Required.....0%
Proposed.....0%

\$ Value.....N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Newsela, Inc., for Newsela Suite

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Newsela, Inc., for Newsela Suite. The one-year subscription is for the Newsela Suite for all students in grades 6-12. This includes the full suite with additional resources for science, social studies and ELA. This also includes twenty-five virtual professional development sessions for teachers and district support staff. This product is necessary as many of our current resources are at an age where online platforms are no longer available for the District's adopted texts. This resource will supplement the missing online platforms in science, social studies and ELA in grades 6-12.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this purchase has been granted on the basis of one-of-a-kind (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The licensing term will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$402,500.

Budget Code:

SLB-0-S-CSF-DW-ESWR.....	\$305,900
GEN-0-0-INV-DW-ENTB.....	\$96,600

Newsela, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0

Exception Authorization to Contract with Associated Technical Services Inc, for Prowatch and Identity Management Software

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Associated Technical Services Inc, for Prowatch and Identity Management Software.

Vendor has an extensive history and knowledge of MPS installations of badge reader software (WinPak) and will upgrade the obsolete software to new ProWatch version. This upgrade will bring the sites into an Enterprise version of the software which we have outgrown with the number of badge readers installed in schools and departments. Besides bringing the software into support it will also allow for the automated disabling of employee access with status changes in the HR system.

The contract will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (the "Initial Term"), with two additional options to extend if certain performance metrics incorporated into the contract are met. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$79,510.

Budget Code:

TSV-0-0-TLN-DW-EMTC.....(Technology-Contract Services).....	\$79,510
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Associated Technical Services, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)
Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 100 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Braun Thyssenkrupp Elevator LLC, for Freight Elevator Repair.

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a one-year contract with Braun Thyssenkrupp Elevator LLC, to provide elevator repair.

Braun Thyssenkrupp Elevator LLC has already completed some preliminary work and diagnosed the issues. The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the contractor will be completing a previously-begun project (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv).

The total cost of the contract for the above term will not exceed \$69,070.00.

Budget Code:
MTN-0-0-FSH-11-ECTS...(Facilities and Maintenance – Contract Services).... \$69,070.00

Braun Thyssenkrupp Elevator LLC
HUB PARTICIPATION
Required0%
ProposedN/A
\$ ValueN/A
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)
Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Issue Purchase Orders to Milwaukee County Transit System for Bus Passes

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue purchase orders to the Milwaukee County Transit System for bus passes and tickets throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

These bus passes and tickets are provided to students for various school activities. The term shall run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The total cost of these purchases will not exceed \$2,500,000.

Budget Code:
STP-0-0-TRS-DW-EPPT.....(Pupil Transportation).....\$2,500,000

Milwaukee County Transit System
HUB PARTICIPATION
Required0%
Proposed0%
\$ ValueN/A
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)
Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 20 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Brinks Incorporated, for Armored Car Services for all MPS Schools

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Brinks Incorporated successor by merger to Dunbar Armored, Inc., to provide armored car services for all MPS Schools.

Brinks Incorporated will be required to pick up sealed deposits of money, checks or other securities, sign for their receipt at each school and deliver the deposits to local MPS-designated banks.

This vendor was chosen pursuant to RFP 1005 for Armored Car Services which closed on February 19, 2019 with no award. RFP 1011 was re-issued and closed on April 4, 2019 with no award. After negotiations with Brinks Incorporated an agreement was reached. The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend if certain performance metrics were met. Brinks Incorporated met the performance metrics codified in the contract and the first extension was issued with term dates of August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Brinks Incorporated met the performance metrics codified in the contract and the Second and Final Extension will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The total cost of the contract in the Second Term will not exceed \$65,000.

Budget Code:

FSC-0-0-SOS-FN-EGSV.....(Banking – General Services).....\$65,000

Brinks Incorporated
HUB PARTICIPATION

RequiredNA
ProposedNA
\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Extend a Contract with Cooperative Education Service Agency #1, to provide Educational Coaching.

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Cooperative Education Service Agency #1 (“CESA #1”), for Educational Coaching. The contractor shall provide a total of 116 full days of instructional coaching to Milwaukee Public Schools between July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with CESA #1 for instructional coaching services. As part of the "Every Student Succeeds Act", Milwaukee Public Schools is required to implement a research based professional learning strategy.

High-Quality Professional Learning Strategy: Schools will implement evidence-based professional learning for staff in content knowledge and instructional practices. The professional learning must be aligned to curriculum, assessments and standards focusing on a topic for a minimum of 50 hours over time. Authentic experiences should be provided where teachers can collaborate and struggle through issues related to implementing the new information into their practice. All professional learning needs measurable outcomes for learning, implementation and student learning. Ongoing supports must be evident such that staff are provided coaching, mentoring, observations and feedback to successfully implement their learning.

Part of this strategy includes a robust coaching component. CESA #1 will be contracted to provide training for all Instructional Coaches, Instructional Leadership Directors and School Support Teachers to effectively implement and support the district-wide and school-based professional learning work in the district. This work will be aligned to the Ambitious Instruction 4.0 plan.

This contract is an Exception to Bid per the direction of the Department of Public Instruction. The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract comply with an established MPS standard and meet the quality required (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(v) and 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(vi)).

This contract Extension will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (the "First Extension"), with one additional one-year option to extend. The total cost of the contract in the First Extension will not exceed \$150,216.00.

Budget Code:

SDV-0-S-3Z1-DW-ECTS.....(Contract Services -)\$150,216.00

Cooperative Education Service Agency #1

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueN/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Purchase with News 2 You Products for a Unique Learning System for Educational Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to purchase from News 2 You Products ("n2Y") for a "Unique Learning System", a comprehensive, modified curriculum for students with significant intellectual disabilities who participate in a curriculum based on Wisconsin Essential Elements. This curriculum encompasses all academic areas for grades 1 through 12: literacy; math; science; and social studies.

The Unique Learning System provides differentiated learning materials with adapted methods for instruction so students participate in rigorous daily classroom instruction similar to that of their non-disabled peers. The activities include visual representations onscreen, hearing text-to-speech as selected text is read aloud, hands-on learning with experiments and written expression opportunities. The Unique Learning System includes a standards-based set of interactive tools specifically designed for students with disabilities to access the general curriculum. All materials, licenses and on-line access for the proposed product are included in this purchase.

n2Y has provided MPS with this curriculum for the past eleven years. RFP1029 was issued in April 2020 to test the marketplace, but did not result in an award. As such, the Administration seeks to continue to utilize n2Y based on continuity and the familiarity with the curriculum throughout the district for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$195,480.

Budget Code:

SSU-O-A-IF1-DW-ECTS(IDEA - Contracted Services) \$195,480

News 2 You Products HUB

PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ Value NA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception

Authorization to Extend a Contract with Qualtrics, LLC for Provision of Survey Software, Associated Dashboards.

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Qualtrics, LLC to continue to provide technical support and maintenance as well as administration of the district’s survey software and associated dashboards.

Qualtrics, LLC was chosen via Quick Quote to provide survey software for the Division of Research and Evaluation, which has expanded to now include all district staff under the current contract. Therefore, the exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity of services (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv)).

The original contract provided for two one-year options to extend; therefore, MPS is exercising the final option year for the contract. The contract extension will run from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

The total cost of the contract for the first extension will not exceed \$167,500.

Budget Code:

SYS-0-0-AMT-RH-ECTS.....(Instructional Resources – Software).....\$167,500

Qualtrics, LLC.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required0%

Proposed0%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 hours

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 hours per

Exception

Authorization to Extend a Contract with United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County for Services Associated with the Community Schools Partnership

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (UW) to provide services in the continued development and implementation of the Community Schools model. The schools to be serviced under the contract in the 2020-2021 school year are: Auer Avenue Community School, Bradley Tech High School, Browning Elementary, Hopkins Lloyd Community School, James Madison Academic Campus, Lincoln Avenue School, Longfellow School, North Division High School, South Division High School, Washington High School, Westside Academy, Zablocki Elementary, and three additional schools which shall be determined at a later date.

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (UW), will serve in two capacities pursuant to this contract: 1) as a co-backbone partner for the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership (MCSP), and 2) as a lead agency for schools within the MCSP that do not otherwise have a lead agency designated. The role United Way plays is instrumental to the MCSP as a collective strategy to transform schools into a place where students, families, staff, and the surrounding community can work together to ensure every student is successful. While each Community School may use different strategies and activities to improve its school and community, each share the guiding practices of shared leadership, equity and cultural relevance. The Community Schools strategy is focused on collaboration and collective action: engaging multiple stakeholders, collectively building aspirations and removing barriers through data while developing priorities and aligning partnerships, initiatives, and policies, to ensure every student is successful.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the services under this contract are considered one-of-a-kind and competitive vendors do not exist (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The original contract provided for two additional one-year option to extend if mutually agreed upon between the parties. MPS is exercising the first extension option which will run from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

The total cost of the contract in this first extension year will not exceed \$495,000. These board funds do not cover the full cost of the project; MPS and UW will partner to apply for relevant government, foundation and corporate support.

Budget Codes:

OSC-0-S-1T2-LS-ECTS.....(Title I School Improvement – Contract Services)...\$400,000
 SDV-H-S-3D2-SD-ECTS.....(Title I High Needs Schools – Contract Services)....\$95,000

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required.....0%
 Proposed.....0%
 \$ Value..... N/A

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS
 Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Issue Purchase Orders to the US Postmaster and the US Postal Service for Meter Postage

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue purchase orders to the US Postmaster and the US Postal Service (USPS) for meter postage throughout the 2021-22 fiscal year.

US Postmaster meter postage is used to fund MPS's permit imprint, which is a preprint that is overlaid on district mailings and referenced at USPS facilities when weighing and delivering. USPS meter postage is used to fund internal mailroom equipment when MPS weighs and meters mail being processed for distribution.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for these purchases have been granted on the basis that the goods have no available product alternatives and are one-of-a-kind (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(i)).

The term shall run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The total cost of goods purchased from USPS will not exceed \$400,000. The total cost of goods purchased from the US Postmaster will not exceed \$221,000.

Budget Code:

MAL-00-MAL-MM-EPST.....(Mailroom - Postage).....\$621,000

Exception

Authorization to Issue Direct Payment to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Deaf for the Provision of Transportation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to make payment to the Wisconsin Center for the Blind & Deaf for City of Milwaukee students attending the school during the 2021-2022 school year. Such transportation is scheduled by the Department of Public Instruction and paid for by MPS pursuant to state statute.

In accordance with Administrative Policy 3.09(3)(b)2, the payment is made via electronic direct payment. The total cost of this payment will not exceed \$218,400.

Budget Code:

NRT-0-0-TRS-DW-EPPT.....(Pupil Transportation).....\$218,400

Exception

Authorization to Extend a Contract with Teach for America, Inc. for Teacher Candidates

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Teach for America, Inc. (TFA) for highly qualified educator services. Contractor will be used to deliver up to 49 teachers annually, for the 2021 – 2022 school year, which can be extended for two additional one-year periods.

Teach for America offers a diverse group of teacher candidates pursuing post-baccalaureate certification an opportunity to work with the focus on urban youth throughout the Milwaukee area. TFA provides the candidates with continuing support, professional development opportunities and counseling above the services offered by MPS. Students accepted into TFA have a strong foundation for teaching our youth once they have completed the program.

The partnership with TFA has become increasingly important as the number of teacher candidates from traditional sources has been steadily decreasing.

Traditionally, contracts under \$50,000 annually are not brought forward to the Board for approval by the Administration. However, due to the Board's interest in this contract, the Administration is bringing it to the Board for approval.

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

This contract extension will run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The total cost of this extension term will not exceed \$49,000.00.

Budget Code:

RCR-0-0-STF-HR-EADV...(Recruitment – Contract Services)..... \$49,000.00

Teach for America, Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

RequiredNA%

ProposedNA%

\$ ValueNA

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

Exception Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Two Contractors for Field Trip Transportation Services

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into blanket contracts with Durham School Services, LP and First Student, Inc., to provide transportation services for field trips throughout the school year. An RFB was issued in May 2019 for field trip transportation services and the Board subsequently approved contracts for the awarded vendors. The awarded vendors do not have the capacity to meet the needs of the schools; therefore, the Administration is seeking to enter into contract with these additional vendors for field trip transportation services.

Each contractor was awarded specific field trip locations, pursuant to its low bid for those locations, and will be used as a “secondary contractor”. Schools and departments will be directed to use the primary contractor, but in the cases where the primary contractor is unable to provide the service for a particular date and time, they will be able to use the secondary contractor.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of continuity of services (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(e)(1)(b)(iv)).

These contracts ran from October 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020 (“Initial Year”), with the option of two additional one-year extensions at MPS’s discretion. The first extension was issued for Durham School Services, LP for a term of October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (“Year 2”). MPS is requesting that the second and final extension be issued and shall run from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (“Year 3”). The first and final extension will be issued for First Student, Inc. and will run from August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (“Year 2”).

The total cost of these contracts is dependent on the usage by schools and departments. The Administration’s best estimate is that the total cost of these contracts will not exceed \$200,000 as follows:

Durham School Services, LP	\$100,000
First Student, Inc.	\$100,000

Budget Code:

Varies by location using services.....\$200,000

Durham School Services

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required10%

Proposed10%

\$ Value\$10,000

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 hours per 12-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 hours per 12-month contract

First Student Inc.

HUB PARTICIPATION

Required10%

Proposed10%

\$ Value\$10,000

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 300 hours per 12-month contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 10 hours per 12-month contract