

# (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 Truescreen, Inc., for Continued Criminal Background Screenings**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend a contract with Truescreen, Inc., ("Truescreen") to provide continued criminal background screening for applicants, student teacher/field placement students, volunteers, and vendors.

Truescreen has provided criminal background check screening services to the District since 2013. The services provided by Truescreen have increased capacity, efficiency, and accuracy in processing criminal background checks. Truescreen conducts a nationwide search and a sex offender search. Truescreen's web-based platform is integrated with the District's applicant tracking system so that criminal background checks can be requested with little to no manual intervention.

The District has historically provided this service internally through the Office of Human Resources. The District has and will continue to absorb the cost of criminal background checks on applicants for employment with the district and volunteers. Currently, the District bills colleges/universities and vendors for background checks conducted.

The budget for this service is based upon the cost of services provided by Truescreen and the estimated annual number of criminal background checks for applicants and volunteers for FY23. The budget does not include the cost of background checks billed directly to the vendor or college/university by Truescreen.

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

This first contract extension will run from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The total cost of the extension term will not exceed \$200,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

BGC-0-0-EMB-HR-ECTS...(Employment Benefits – Contract Services)..... \$200,000

**Truescreen, Inc.**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....N/A

\$ Value .....N/A

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 Hours

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 Hours

**Exception Authorization to Enter into a Blanket Contract with Danceworks, Inc. for Multi-Arts Lessons**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter a blanket contract with Danceworks, Inc., (“Danceworks”) to provide multi-arts (dance, dance fitness, visual art, theater or music) lessons for MPS students.

The regular usage of Danceworks by MPS schools as an augmentation to their curriculum has driven the need for a district-wide contract. MPS schools will select which program(s) shall be provided in their school.

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

This blanket contract will run from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2025. The total cost of the services is not expected to exceed \$250,000.00 during the term of the blanket contract.

**Budget Code:**

Varies by location using services.....\$250,000

**Danceworks, Inc.**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOURS

**Exception Authorization to Enter into a Contract with DBT in Schools, LLC for Training for School Psychologists and School Social Workers**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter a contract with DBT in Schools, LLC for their DBT Steps-A Training to be offered to school psychologists and school social workers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Steps-A was developed to provide an approach to building resilience and mental wellness skills in middle and high school students. The DBT Steps-A curriculum is designed to help adolescents develop coping strategies and decision-making abilities, especially under emotional distress. The curriculum is based on the skills component of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) that has been shown to be effective with individuals experiencing both high-risk behaviors as well as mild to moderate levels of anxiety, depression, ADHD and other disorders. This training will assist schools in identifying and meeting the social emotional needs of our students.

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

The contract will run from August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The total cost will not exceed \$87,500.00.

**Budget Code:**  
SDV-0-S-8I3-DE-ECTS.....\$87,500

**DBT in Schools**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
Proposed .....0%  
\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (per 12-month contract)**

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

**Exception      Authorization to Issue a Purchase Order to Labster for a District License for Lab Simulation Platform**

The Administration is requesting authorization to issue a purchase order to Labster for the purchase of a district license for lab simulation platform.

Labster is a lab simulation platform that allows high school teachers to implement complex labs that are not possible in the high school setting. This resource is a supplement to be used only when in-person labs are not possible.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis that the goods are needed to maintain continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(vi)).

The total cost will not to exceed \$132,000.00

**Budget Code:**  
ITS-0-0-9P3-TC-ESWR.....(Instructional Technology).... \$132,000

**Labster**  
**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 Extend a Contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for Credit Bearing College Courses**

The Administration is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for credit bearing college courses. Contractor will be used to deliver courses in English, Math, Sciences, World Languages, and potentially other content areas.

MPS has contracted with Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for three years through the M-Cubed College Connections program. Students have been very successful, with a high percentage of students earning college credit at a significantly reduced cost to the district.

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 contract extension will run from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024, and will not exceed \$470,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

GN4-0-I-9Y3-EO-ECTS....(Contracted Services)..... \$470,000.00

**Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
 Proposed .....0%  
 \$ Value .....0

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

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

**Exception Authorization to Contract with Viterbo University for Reduced Tuition for Employees Enrolled to Become Licensed Educators**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Viterbo University to provide discounted tuition to MPS employees currently enrolled in Viterbo University programs to obtain teacher licensure in the following areas:

- Emerging educator/bachelor's completion grades 1-8 regular education and grades 1-12 special education
- Special education post baccalaureate program
- Elementary and middle school post baccalaureate program
- Content program (art, science, math, music, social studies, ELA)
- Masters of Science in Education for post baccalaureate completers
- Leadership license

Current employees enrolled in these programs would be able to continue their program with Viterbo without any disruption in services. With this contract in place, these

employees will be able to either remain or enter into teaching positions for the FY23 school year.

Viterbo will continue offering current courses to allow current employees to complete programs. This contract would cover the length of time needed for these employees to complete their current coursework to seek endorsement from 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 goods are needed to maintain continuity (Administrative Policy 3.09(7)(E)(1)(b)(vi)).

This contract will run from August 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$200,000.00.

**Budget Code:**

SDV-0-0-SIS-HR-EUWT.....\$200,000.00

**Viterbo University**  
**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%  
Proposed .....0%  
\$ Value .....0

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (hours per 12-month contract)**

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

**Exception Authorization to Contract with EDBLOX, Inc. d/b/a Elevate K12 for Online Instruction with Licensed Wisconsin Teachers**

The Administration is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with EDBLOX, Inc. d/b/a Elevate K12 to provide licensed Wisconsin teachers for online instruction at the high school level as well as for early start middle schools.

Elevate K12 shall provide approximately 25-30 online instructors to MPS for hard to fill vacancies within the district. Middle school areas of focus shall include 6-8 mathematics, ELA, science (earth and space, life and physical).High school areas of focus shall include early start in content areas of mathematics, science (physics, biology, chemistry, environmental and physical science) and ELA.

Instruction shall take place in real time during the instructional day. Elevate K12 shall assign one Operations Manager (OM) for the School District Program held at designated schools. A Virtual Academic Performance Manager (APM) assigned by Elevate K12 shall monitor the performance of the instruction sessions virtually. MPS shall provide one classroom manager to each classroom.

The exception from the requirement of a competitive procurement process for this contract has been granted on the basis of an emergency need due to an increased number of resignations and openings (Administrative Policy 3.09(14)).

This contract will run from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The total cost of the contract will not exceed \$2,506,300.00.

**Budget Code:**

DTI-0-S-9Y3-HR-ECTS.....\$2,506,300.00

**Elevate K12**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....0

**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 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 2022-2023 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, Alexander Mitchell School, Martin Luther King Jr, Grantosa Drive School, O. W. Holmes School, and additional school(s) that follow the approved Community Schools application process determined at a later date.

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (UW), shall serve as a backbone partner for the Milwaukee Community Schools Partnership (MCSP). 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 extensions upon the mutual written consent of parties; with a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract has been updated for a one-year term, from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023.

The total cost of the contract in in this year will not exceed \$580,000.00. These 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 Code:** OSC-0-S-1T3-LS-ECTS.....\$580,000.00

**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