

**(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 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”) 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 nine years. RFP 921 was issued in May 2016 to test the marketplace, but did not result in an award. As such, the Administration seeks to continue to use n2Y based on continuity and the familiarity with the curriculum throughout the district for the period of September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020.

The total cost of the goods purchased will not exceed \$161,122.50.

**Budget Code:**

SSU-0-A-IF0-DW-ECTS.....(IDEA – Contracted Services)..... \$161,122.50

**News 2 You Products**

**HUB PARTICIPATION**

Required .....0%

Proposed .....0%

\$ Value .....NA

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

Paid Student Employment Hour Commitment: 0 HOURS/12-mo contract

Student Career Awareness Commitment: 0 HOUR/12-mo contract