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DATE: May 9, 2018
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Matthew J. Barbini, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent
RE: RFP Award #18-016 Touch Screen Chromebooks with Licensing, Warranty, Services and Options



The Department of Instruction and the Department of Technology Services worked with teachers and students at six elementary schools throughout the 2017-2018 school year to evaluate the use of iPads and pilot touch screen Chromebooks in grades K-5.

An overview of the evaluation and pilot process, as well as the rationale to purchase nineteen hundred thirty-five (1,935) touch screen Chromebooks in lieu of iPads, was made at the April 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. Touch screen Chromebooks were selected in lieu of iPads due to following reasons:

- The touch screen Chromebook's built-in keyboard allows for a greater range of student use including the ability for students to use the device for MAP and PARCC testing. iPads are currently not utilized by students for MAP and PARCC testing;
- Ease of remotely managing the devices via the Google Admin dashboard;
- The touch screen Chromebook is a more cost effective solution at \$236 per unit than an iPad at approximately \$299 per unit. Going the route of Chromebooks allows the District to provide more technology offerings to students in grades K-5.

The administration is recommending that the Board of Education approves the purchase of nineteen hundred thirty-five (1,935) Lenovo Touch Screen Chromebooks with Licensing, Warranty, and Services for shared use for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at each elementary school. These devices will be deployed at each elementary school for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

On March 7, 2018, District requested proposals for the purchase of Touch Screen Chromebooks with Licensing Warranty, Services and Options RFP #18-016. It was publicized in the Daily Herald and on the District Website. Five (5) vendors responded to the District's RFP #18-016 on April 16, 2018.

The administration is recommending that Riverside Technologies, Inc., North Sioux City, SD, be awarded the RFP for the District's Chromebook purchase for the Lenovo 300e Chromebook. Riverside Technologies, Inc., was the second lowest pricing that the District received for Chromebooks. The lowest Chromebook price was from Dell Computers at a per unit cost of \$229 which offered an older 2017 model, whereas Riverside Technologies, Inc., proposal was \$236 for the newly released 2018 model. Riverside Technologies, Inc., offered a per unit cost of a Chromebook, including license and

green delivery at \$262. Pursuant to Illinois School Code, technology purchases are exempt from procurement requirements in regard to awarding proposals to the lowest bidder.

The District also recommends green delivery for the Lenovo 300e Chromebooks at a price point of \$2.00. Green delivery includes removal of all packaging materials and disposal/recycling of those products. Units are shipped to District in a shipping container that minimizes waste and is easily collapsible and recyclable. This saves time that would otherwise be spent by staff in the Department of Technology Services unpackaging the devices. Green delivery was used with the existing 1:1 student to Chromebook initiative for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Total Project Cost to the District:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
Lenovo Touch Screen 300e Chromebook	1935	\$236.00	\$456,660.00
Licensure	1935	\$24.00	\$46,440.00
Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	\$2.00	\$3,870.00
Total Cost	1935	\$262.00	\$506,970.00

Extended Price = individual item cost multiplied by 1935 to provide our elementary schools with additional shared devices to use in 2018-2019.

This expenditure to support the purchase of additional Chromebooks is built into the Department of Technology Services 2017-2018 budget.

Of the 1935 Chromebooks purchased, thirty-five (35) of those devices will be allocated for students who have a need for greater functionality in their 1:1 devices and will not be used as shared devices at the schools. The total cost of those thirty-five Chromebooks is \$9,170. That expenditure is built into the Department of Technology Services 2018-2019 budget.

RFP #18-016 - Touch Screen Chromebooks with Warranty, Services and Options

VENDOR	Product	Purchase Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Dell Marketing LP	Chromebook - Dell 3189	1935	\$229.00	\$443,115.00
	Chrome License	1935	\$25.27	\$48,897.45
	Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	\$15.05	\$29,121.75
	TOTAL SELECTED	1935	\$269.32	\$521,134.20
CDW Government LLC	Chromebook - Lenovo 300E	1935	\$245.16	\$474,384.60
	Chrome License	1935	\$23.95	\$46,343.25
	Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	\$7.56	\$14,628.60
	TOTAL	1935	\$276.67	\$535,356.45
Riverside Technologies	Chromebook - Lenovo 300e	1935	\$236.00	\$456,660.00
	Chrome License	1935	\$24.00	\$46,440.00
	Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	\$2.00	\$3,870.00
	TOTAL	1935	\$262.00	\$506,970.00
Ace Technology	Chromebook - Acer Spin R751	1935	\$296.85	\$574,404.75
	Chrome License	1935	\$23.62	\$45,704.70
	Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	\$19.84	\$38,390.40
	TOTAL	1935	\$340.31	\$658,499.85
FF Firefly Computers	Chromebook - Lenovo Yoga N23	1935	\$238.79	\$462,058.65
	Chrome License	1935	\$23.88	\$46,207.80
	Chromebook Green Delivery	1935	No Bid	No bid
	TOTAL SELECTED	1935	\$262.67	\$508,266.45