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Board Agenda Item #	Agenda # 2D
Date:	December 10, 2020
To:	Magnolia Board of Directors - Academic Committee
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	David Yilmaz, Chief Accountability Officer
RE:	Update on "Infinite Campus" SIS transition

Proposed Board Recommendation

N/A

Background

Magnolia's new SIS: Infinite Campus

The Board approved Infinite Campus as Magnolia's new SIS after a comprehensive RFP process. As a refresher, the following are the main reasons why Infinite Campus was selected.

- Infinite Campus is an Illuminate Education partner, which means data migration will be a lot easier compared to other SIS.
- The LMS feature is powerful with the integration of Google classroom, Illuminate DnA and other online tools allowing teachers to have curriculum maps and lesson plans integrated with technology.
- It provides great support and professional development, including on-site training to staff. Our team is assured that Infinite Campus will provide all the necessary support for a successful transition. Infinite Campus also has a platform for end-users where they can participate in self-paced training modules and improve their savviness with the system.
- Infinite Campus provides a flexible system with grading options (standards-based, etc.) and customizable progress reports/report cards.
- Infinite Campus app for parents, students, and staff work on most platforms and provide the same, strong tools regardless of the platform.
- Infinite Campus integrates well with other MPS software (Illuminate DnA for data/assessment, SchoolMint for application/lottery, ParentSquare for stakeholder communication, and Meals Plus--our new program for lunch data/operations, etc.)
- Infinite Campus is a partner with Tableau, which is a powerful, secure, and flexible end-to-end analytics platform for data. This is especially important for MPS because we are a data-driven organization and need a platform for data analytics and visualization. MPS proposes that we do not renew our Illuminate DnA

agreement and add Tableau licensing to our Infinite Campus agreement starting with the second year of implementation. First year we would like to focus our attention on getting experienced with the basic components of the system and integration with other programs MPS uses.

- Even with the add-on tools (LMS, Registration, Tableau), pricing is relatively better and affordable.

Update on transition to Infinite Campus

The accountability department has been working closely with our Infinite Campus contacts in following a transition plan so that schools can start using the program in 2020-21. The following bullet points summarize the transition activities.

- Currently, the Accountability team is working with the Infinite Campus team on pulling over the information from Illuminate. Our team is reviewing the information being brought over to ensure it is coming over correctly. This will be a continuous process until we are able to fully go live in July.
- The next project the team will be working on is setting up permission groups and assigning those groups to staff members. This project should be done by the end of January.
- When we return in January the team will be working on setting up the Online Registration tool. Training will be made available to Office Staff in late January/ early February so that schools may collect registration forms for the 2021-2022 SY virtually.
- The rest of the school community will begin training on the system as a whole starting June 21st 2021 with our official "Go Live" date starting July 1st.

Budget Implications

N/A. SIS fees have already been budgeted by the schools for 2020-21.

How Does This Action Relate/Affect/Benefit All MSAs?

MPS has to have a SIS since the current SIS, Illuminate, will not be available for the 2021-22 school year.

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Exhibits (Attachments):

N/A