

**EXCEL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**Agenda Item:**

**Date:** May 9, 2024

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**Item Requires Board Action:** X

**Item is for Information Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Item:** Studies Weekly Subscription Renewal

**Background:** Studies Weekly provides K-6 students with comprehensive social studies and science curriculum. Studies Weekly is aligned to state standards and frameworks. Studies has a fully integrated online learning experience. EACS can manage students' progress all in one place through Google Classroom. Studies Weekly has students with ready-to-use lessons that incorporate essential learning strategies and activities.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$8,427.00

**Item:** Goalbook Subscription Renewal

**Background:** Goalbook supports special education teachers, school psychologists, and related service providers with designing legally compliant IEP goals and instructional plans for students with diverse needs. All of the content in Goalbook Toolkit is aligned to state standards and research-based frameworks for differentiating instruction, including Universal Design for Learning. Goalbook includes content for Pre-K to Grade 12 in Reading, Writing, Math, and Speech, in addition to Behavior, Social and Emotional Learning, Autism, Occupational Therapy, Alternate Academic and Life Skills, and Transition. It contains strategies and ready to use support that is aligned to the UDL framework to develop scaffolded instruction at mild, moderate and intense levels of support. It also contains tools to help teachers accurately and efficiently track academic and behavioral goals and a library of evidence-based strategies and

resources tailored to individual student needs The SPED department has been using Goalbook to support goal writing and progress monitoring for four school years.

**Fiscal Impact: \$10,425.00**

#### **Item: Care Solace Renewal Service Renewal**

**Background:** In alignment with our mission and vision, Excel Academy seeks to meet the needs of all students, including the area of social/emotional wellness. Care Solace guides the transition to mental health services by coordinating care for students, staff and their families. The process of hunting down mental health care is daunting and exhausting. The Care Team takes on this burden with their expertise in navigating barriers to accessing mental health care, and is available to serve students, staff, and their families 24/7, in any language. Excel Academy leadership staff has access to a dashboard which will allow the school to track usage, and follow up with families as needed.

**Fiscal Impact: \$7,500.00**

#### **Item: Presence Learning Agreement Renewal**

**Background:** Presence Learning is a virtual organization that offers assessments and designated instructional services for Special Education students in a unique and effective platform. By using a number of cameras and tools, Presence Learning is able to accurately assess students in order to create reports to inform the student's IEP. Presence Learning has worked directly with assessment publishers to obtain usage rights and copyright permission to use standardized assessments within their independently developed virtual platform and have had independent research studies conducted to ensure the reliability and validity of the assessment administration and results.

**Fiscal Impact: \$15,120.00**

#### **Item: FlexPoint Education Cloud Renewal**

**Background:** FlexPoint grade level curriculum in all core subjects for students registered in the Virtual Path for 1st-4th grade.

The curriculum provides:

- Quality, standards-aligned content
- Practical and engaging activities, lessons and assessments
- Easy monitoring, grading and feedback
- Video and audio clips embedded in the lessons

The FlexPoint curriculum content provides core curriculum to students enrolled in the Virtual Pathway. The quality, standards-aligned curriculum content especially suits the needs of our remote learning program. Teachers have access to content and slides from which they can create daily lessons for their live classroom. Students who participate in the class lessons can then easily access their assigned work from home. The lesson activities incorporate plenty of printable worksheets, especially in the primary grades, where students need practice with printing, cutting and fine motor skills. The content also seems more engaging and thorough than other online curriculums for elementary students in grades 1-4.

The FlexPoint LMS provides virtual teachers with an easy way to manage the classroom learning. They can easily plan out existing content, add additional lessons and/or assignments, as well as monitor student progress. Students can see how they are doing in their course, with many assignments providing them with immediate feedback. For those assignments graded by the classroom teacher, the system updates the overall grade and completion automatically, so parents can see student progress. Classroom and student specific reports can be printed or saved to assist with school data and weekly communication with parents.

Fiscal Impact: \$19,295.00

Item: IXL Learning Licenses Renewal

Background: IXL is a subscription that provides a comprehensive K-12th curriculum to our Special Education students with over 8,500 skills for all 5 subjects ( Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Spanish). IXL helps pinpoint where the student succeeds and helps guide to what the next steps would be in their learning path. IXL can recommend skills to work on to fill learning gaps. IXL is trusted by parents and educators, with over 100 billion questions answered and 13 million students use IXL.

It is recommended that that board approve the renewal of the IXL Subscription for a one-year period.

Fiscal Impact: \$8,970.00

Item: Kami Subscription

Background: Kami provides educators with a user-friendly platform for assigning virtual tasks to students, enabling real-time monitoring of student progress and effortless grading and feedback on assignments. For students, this platform offers a paperless way to access coursework, simplifying the completion and submission of tasks, as well as providing instant support from their teachers. The premium version, Kami Pro, offers additional features such as equation tools and image integration in documents, which are not available in the free version. Moreover, educators have the option to seamlessly link Kami with Google Classroom for efficient documentation and organization of student assignments.

Fiscal Impact: \$5,862.50

Item: GoGuardian Renewal

Background: GoGuardian keeps Excel Academy students safe online and helps teachers manage live classes effectively, ensuring a productive virtual learning experience. The system filters out inappropriate content on the internet and flags administrators if concerning searches take place. In a virtual class setting, it allows teachers to refocus students by closing irrelevant tabs, annotating on a student's screen, as well as guiding them towards purposeful content. It is an essential tool for the safety and management of student Chromebooks at Excel Academy.

Fiscal Impact: \$15,076.80