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Re: Purchase of AIMSweb Plus Student Subscriptions for 2016-17

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Background:
2011-2012 - An MTSS district committee reviewed the district's assessment matrix in all contents and identified a gap for progress monitoring and benchmarking.

2012-2013 - After reviewing multiple evidence-based assessment tools, the committee decided to investigate two of these tools further; AIMSweb (which was already being used by some buildings) and Easy CBM. The committee heard presentations from both companies and determined that both should be reviewed further by teachers. The committee invited a small, representative group of teachers in to review both tools. This team analyzed each one using a rubric to measure the tools' ease of use and ability to measure and display student growth.

2013-2014 - With input from both the MTSS district committee, the representative teacher committee, and building principals, it was decided that AIMSweb would be the tool that we would purchase as a district to progress monitor and benchmark students in grades K-5, and the tool will be used only to progress monitor students at 6-12.

2014-2016 - AIMSweb was implemented as our universal screening tool for all students in grades K-5. AIMSweb was also used to progress monitor students receiving interventions in grades 6 - 12.

Rationale:
1. AIMSweb is a universal screening, progress monitoring, and data management system that supports tiered instruction. AIMSweb uses brief, valid, and reliable measures of reading and math performance for grades K-12, which can be generalized to any curriculum.
2. AIMSweb will fill the current gap we have in assessment by providing a tool for the progress monitoring and benchmarking of students in reading and mathematics.

Recommendation:
Administration recommends the payment of $52,000 for AIMSweb Plus online, per-student subscriptions. Funding of this payment has been budgeted and will be paid from the assessment account.

Motion:
"I move the Board of Education approve payment in an amount not to exceed $52,000 for the purchase of AIMSweb Plus student subscriptions for 2016-17."