

To: Board of Education

From: Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning & technology x2755  
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Re: Seesaw licenses for elementary students

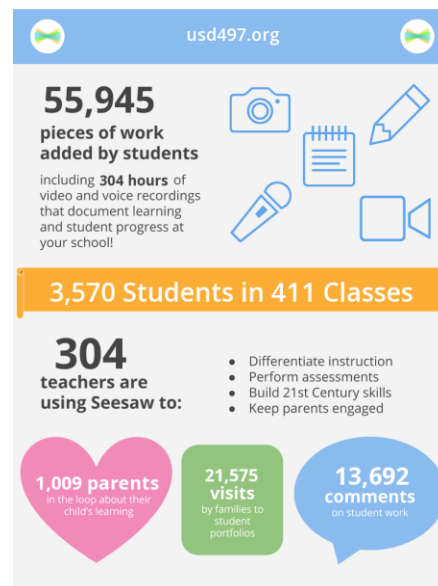
Date: August 10, 2017

Background:

The implementation of personalized learning has identified a need to electronically manage, store and share students' digital work with parents. Staff discovered and began using Seesaw as a student-driven digital portfolio which empowers students to create, reflect, collaborate and share. Families were invited to Seesaw to keep them informed about their child's learning, and easily communicate between school and home. Seesaw supported teachers' delivery of differentiated assignments to specific students, and it gave students the opportunity to reflect on their work. Below is Lawrence Public Schools' Seesaw use during the 2016-17 school year and links to information about Seesaw.

[Seesaw overview](#)

[Seesaw testimonial](#)



Rationale:

Seesaw will provide elementary students a digital portfolio to document their learning with photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs and links. Teachers and students will be able to view and document academic progress over time. Seesaw will strengthen connections with school and home with parent access as well as providing a convenient communication option for teachers and parents. Seesaw encourages deeper learning and reflection and provides students an authentic audience for their work.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the payment of \$24,750 for Seesaw licenses and onsite professional development (no shipping cost). Funding of this payment has been budgeted and will be paid from 2410007000-56560.

Motion:

"I move that the Board of Education approve payment in the amount of \$24,750 for Seesaw licenses and onsite professional development for 2017-2018 implementation."