



135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

November 21, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

CONTRACT: Computer Software and Professional Development

RECOMMENDATION:

That the School Committee approve a contract with the following vendor, funds to be provided in accordance with the budget reference listed below. Procurement procedures for this purchase have complied with Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Period of Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TeachTown 2 Constitution Way Woburn, MA 01801	10/01/23 – 6/30/24	\$42,435.00

DESCRIPTION: This contract is for the renewal of the software program and professional development to offer students with moderate to severe disabilities equitable and inclusive access to the general education curriculum.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See attached supplemental for additional information.

SUPPORTING DATA, RULES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chapter II, Section 12..." motions calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money require the affirmative vote of four members."

BUDGET REFERENCE:

Fund		Account		Dept.	
15000	General Fund	57301	Subscription		Office of Student Services
		53107	Professional Dev.	852660	Professional Development

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Superintendent of Schools

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Teachtown

Purpose: To offer students with moderate to severe disabilities equitable and inclusive access to the general education curriculum.

Amount of Contract: \$42,435

Description/Scope of Services:

Teachtown is used by our SCALE program. There are three different programs utilized across the program dependent on students' age and area of need including Basic Skills, Social Skills, and Transition to Adulthood. The purpose of these programs is to offer students equitable and inclusive access to the curriculum and the individualized interventions that support their success. The SCALE program utilizes an ABA methodology of instruction, which Teachtown incorporates throughout their programming. The ABA intervention software offers a blend of computer-delivered and teacher-led Applied Behavior Analysis instruction proven to increase a student's vocabulary, listening skills, social-emotional development, independence, academics and cognitive skills. The program allows teachers to collect data on programming directly related to student's individualized education programs through each of their programs. Teachtown incorporates video modeling, errorless teaching, and personalization that ensures that students are receiving high quality instruction, and independent learning to increase student independence. The data collection allows teachers to easily analyze student data to see areas of improvement, as well as areas of need. The training included in the services will ensure that teachers are trained in how to implement the program and personalize instruction to meet the needs of each student utilizing the program.

Renewal will include 125 Basic licenses for students in the elementary and upper school classrooms, 40 social skills licenses for upper school classrooms, and 50 transition skills licenses for high school and post-graduate students. This will support students across the SCALE program through independent practice, video modeling, and teacher directed instruction. There will be training provided for teachers, so that they are able to effectively implement the Basics, Social Skills and Transition to Adulthood programs.