

Action Item - 1

Title: Contracts with Various Vendors for IDEA Equitable Participation to Non-Public Schools for Services (\$2,000,000) [Intermediate Unit]

Board of Education Meeting Date: 5/29/2025

Action Under Consideration:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

Catapult Learning LLC
Learn-It Systems LLC
Progressus Therapy

Purpose:

For services to be provided to Non-Public school staff and students in IU 26 as required by federal law under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Start date: 7/1/2025

End Date: 6/30/2027

Compensation not to exceed:

\$2,000,000

Separate Compensation by Contractor:

All entities to be paid out of the aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 as determined by IU 26 through Consultation with non-public schools.

Location:

All Schools

Renewal Option:

Number of options: 3; Duration of each option: 1 year

Maximum Compensation authorized per option period:

Total maximum to be paid during the initial term and option years not to exceed \$2,000,000

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

Federal law requires IU 26 to provide a portion of its IDEA to non-public schools in the form of services such as staff training and / or services to students. The amount available to non-public schools is a function of the proportion of non-public school students identified with a disability under IDEA to the whole amount of students identified with a disability under IDEA in IU 26 that for non-public school students, School District of Philadelphia identified students, and Charter school identified students combined.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

Through Consultation with non-public schools, IU 26 will assess the effectiveness of the agreed services being provided and make changes as needed.

Which Goal and/or Guardrail does this Action Item support?

Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?

Which session?

Guardrail 1: Every school will be a safe, welcoming and healthy place where our students, staff and community want to be and learn each day. This means that our schools will be: 1) environmentally safe and clean; and 2) spaces with inclusive climates that provide students with access to robust social, emotional, and mental health supports.

Does this Action Item support a specific strategy/intervention identified in the Strategic Plan?

No

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

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Funding Source(s)

IDEA - Federal Grant

Office Originating Request:

Finance