

## **Action Item - 27**

**Title:** Amendment of Contract with Welligent, Inc. for STEP Program Medical Billing Software (\$123,000)

**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 1/30/2025

### **Action Under Consideration**

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

**With:**

Welligent, Inc.

**Purpose:**

To provide behavioral health software utilized to sustain an electronic health record for managing caseloads, documentation, and billing for students enrolled in the Support Team for Educational Partnership (STEP) Program.

**Originally Authorized Start date:** 1/31/2021

**Originally Authorized End date:** 9/30/2025

**Currently Authorized Compensation:** \$545,000

**Additional Compensation by Contractor:**  
\$123,000

**Total new Compensation:** \$668,000

**Location(s):**

Abraham Lincoln High School;  
Academy at Palumbo;  
Alain Locke School;  
Allen M. Stearne School;  
Andrew J. Morrison;  
Avery D. Harrington Elementary School;  
Bache-Martin School;  
BB Comegys School;  
Building 21;  
Carver Engineering and Science;  
Edward Gideon School;  
Edward Heston School;  
Edward T. Steel School;

Edwin Forrest School;  
EW Rhodes Elementary School;  
Frankford High School;  
Franklin S Edmonds School;  
General George G. Meade School;  
General Louis Wagner Middle;  
George Washington High School;  
Gloria Casarez Elementary School (formerly Philip Sheridan Elementary);  
Grover Washington Jr. Middle;  
High School of the Future;  
Hon. Luis Munoz-Marin Elementary School;  
Horace Furness High School;  
James Logan Elementary School;  
John Barry School;  
John Bartram High School;  
John Welsh School;  
Jules E. Mastbaum High School;  
Kensington CAPA;  
Kensington High School;  
Lewis C. Cassidy Academics Plus School;  
Lewis Elkin Elementary School;  
Martha Washington Elementary School;  
Martin Luther King High School;  
Morton McMichael School;  
Murrell Dobbins High School;  
Overbrook High School;  
Paul L. Dunbar School;  
Peirce Elementary;  
Penn Treaty School;  
Penrose School;  
Philadelphia High School for Girls;  
Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center;  
Philadelphia Virtual Academy (PVA);  
Randolph Technical High School;  
Robert E. Lamberton Elementary;  
Roberto Clemente Middle School;  
Roxborough High School;  
S. Weir Mitchell School;  
Samuel Powel School;  
Samuel S. Fels High School;  
Sayre High School;  
Science Leadership Academy Middle School;  
South Philadelphia High School;  
Southwark School;  
Strawberry Mansion High School;  
Thomas Edison High School;

Thurgood Marshall School;  
Tilden Middle School;  
Warren G. Harding School;  
West Philadelphia High School;  
William Cramp Elementary School;  
William H. Ziegler School;  
William McKinley School;  
Other schools as determined by School Site Leadership and the Office of Prevention & Intervention

**Renewal Option(s):**

Yes

**Number of Options:**

1

**Duration of each option:**

1 year

**Maximum Compensation authorized per option period, per contractor:**

The option is at a fixed amount of \$165,000

**Description:**

**Why is this contract needed?**

The Office of Prevention & Intervention (OPI) uses Welligent, Inc. This Behavioral Health software is utilized to sustain an electronic health record for billing and documentation management as a part of its work to meet current and future needs for the Support Team for Educational Partnership (STEP) Program. This program is currently placed in 46 school sites. OPI is responsible for the processing, housing, automated billing, and integration of student behavioral plans and specialized behavioral intervention programs, including the STEP program.

Welligent, Inc. was a vendor selected through a competitive bidding process. It provides the STEP program with a comprehensive and integrated behavioral health billing software. Welligent, Inc. software manages the construction, management, and billing of behavioral programs and services to Philadelphia's Community Behavioral Health (CBH) program for our students in the 46 school sites. To date, all STEP personnel have been trained on the Welligent software.

CBH provides the funding for the contract with Welligent, Inc. for the STEP program. The District is seeking approval to further extend the current contract and authorize additional funds to the vendor with funds coming from CBH to pay for the contract.

**How is this work connected to the District's plan to achieve Goals & Guardrails?**

The contractor selection is in alignment with the Board of Education's Guardrails: Welcoming and Supportive Schools and Enriching and Well-rounded School Experiences.

**How will the success of this contract be measured?**

Welligent, Inc. provides services being funded by Community Behavioral Health (CBH) for the STEP program within the Office of Prevention & Intervention (OPI). OPI has found that the behavioral health billing software has helped the STEP program achieve the desired outcomes if the services offered meet the mental health initiative needs, training and communication needs. As well, all STEP staff personnel were trained on using the platform helping to facilitate sustainability and success of the programming within the 46 school sites.

**If this is the continuation of a contract, how has success been measured in the past and what specific information do we have to show that it was successful?**

The Office of Prevention & Intervention has found that the Welligent behavioral billing software helps to achieve the desired outcomes of the services offered by the STEP program to meet the mental health initiative needs, training, billing, and communication needs. Training STEP personnel on using the Welligent software has helped to facilitate sustainability and success of the programming.

**When applicable, was a larger community of District community members and/or stakeholders involved in this selection process? If so, what groups and how?**

Consistent with the District's competitive procurement process, the selection process resulting in this contractor included a committee of District staff with relevant programmatic and fiscal expertise who reviewed and evaluated contractors' RFP responses. The contractors selected are specifically used for the following services to meet these needs outlined in the RFP advertisement.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

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**Funding Source(s)**

Community Behavioral Health 6BD

**Office Originating Request:**

Student Support Services