

34. Authorization of Additional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Suppliers

## **Action Item - 34**

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**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 6/26/2025

### **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:**

Animal Specialty and Provisions  
Bluum USA, Inc  
Business U LLC  
CDW Government LLC  
CEV Multimedia, Ltd.  
Cintas Corporation  
Eduready360  
eDynamics Holdings LP  
Etg Auto Supply Inc  
J A Cunningham Equipment Inc  
K2Share, LLC  
Lakeshore Learning Materials  
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Oley Valley Feed  
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Riders Lumber  
Robert E Little Inc  
Savva Learning Company  
Scenario Learning LLC  
School Health Corporation  
The Goodheart-Willcox Company, Inc.  
The Padcaster INC  
ThermoFisher Scientific  
Urban Harvest Partnership  
WeVideo Inc  
ZSpace Inc.

#### **Purpose:**

To add additional suppliers for the purchasing of essential materials, supplies, and equipment needed in the operation of approved programs within the Office of CTE.

**Start date:** 6/27/2025

**End Date:** 6/30/2027

**Compensation not to exceed:**

\$15,000,000 (as previously approved via Action Item 12 on 9/19/24)

**Separate Compensation by Contractor:**

All approved CTE vendors, including these additional vendors, will be paid out of a total not to exceed the previously approved aggregate amount of \$15,000,000.

**Location:**

Various Schools

**Renewal Option:**

N/A

**Description:**

The Board previously approved the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) to engage vendors for the purchase of CTE materials at its September 19, 2024 meeting via Action Item 12. The Office of CTE is seeking to engage these additional vendors also chosen via either a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement or Requests for Proposals (RFPs) process to enable the District to efficiently make purchases of essential materials, supplies, and equipment necessary for the seamless operation of approved programs within the Office of CTE.

These materials, supplies, and equipment are essential to delivering high-quality classroom instruction. These resources include educational supplies and materials, consumable goods, and various equipment including, but not limited to the following: Brake Lathes, Welding Machines, Refrigeration, Ice Maker, Wood, Pipes, metal, Program text and workbooks, 3D and Large Format Printers, Varying Audio Visual equipment like cameras or lighting systems, Hospital beds, patient lifts, etc. Qualifying additional vendors allows the District to address the critical need to refresh classroom supplies. In addition, providing students with access to supplies, classroom materials, and equipment for Career & Technical Education supports Board Goal 5: 80% of Career and Technical Education (CTE) students will pass an industry standards-based competency assessment by the end of 12th grade.

In August 2019, 49.9% of students passed. By authorizing this additional list of Suppliers, the central office staff and schools will have access to a wide variety of instructional resources that are aligned to the District's academic goals. Purchases authorized by this action item are reviewed and approved by the Office of Career and Technical Education before purchase. Success for this authorization will be

measured by feedback from school-based and central office staff for on-time delivery performance and availability of needed items, and cost savings every year.

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

**Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?**

**Which session?**

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

3.12- Appoint an administrator to identify, audit, and improve access for underserved students to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and building trades programs across the city in alignment with regional workforce trends.

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

September 19, 2024, #12

**Funding Source(s)**

FY24-25 Operating and Grants

FY25-26 Operating and Grants

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**Office Originating Request:**

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