



To: Members of the Board of Education

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Date: May 21, 2026

RE: The Lavinia Group Contract/Agreement

Rationale:

The proposed agreement with Learners Edge, LLC (Lavinia Group) is intended to strengthen literacy instruction across identified grade levels through targeted professional development, instructional coaching, and access to high-quality curriculum materials. This partnership supports the district's commitment to improving student literacy outcomes by equipping educators with research-based strategies, structured instructional resources, and ongoing coaching support. The inclusion of both in-person and virtual coaching ensures flexibility and sustained impact across school sites.

Background information:

Learners Edge, LLC (Lavinia Group) provides consulting services focused on literacy instruction, including coaching, curriculum materials, and professional learning support. The agreement outlines services to be provided from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. These services include instructional coaching (both in-person and virtual) and partnership management, and access to RedThread Foundations literacy materials for Kindergarten through third grade.

Cost Analysis:

The total cost of the agreement is **\$22,770**, which includes instructional coaching services, and a partnership management fee.

Connection with District initiatives and Board Policy:

This agreement directly aligns with the district's strategic priorities around literacy improvement, instructional quality, and equitable access to high-quality learning experiences. Specifically, it supports:

- Implementation of research-based literacy practices aligned to the Science of Reading
- Strengthening Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction through coaching and structured materials
- Professional learning and capacity-building for educators
- Continuous improvement efforts tied to student achievement outcomes



Additionally, the agreement adheres to board policies related to curriculum adoption, professional services procurement, and fiscal responsibility. The structured payment schedule and defined scope of services ensure transparency and accountability in the use of Literacy for All grant funds.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Learners Edge, LLC (Lavinia Group) in the amount of \$22,770 for the 2026–2027 school year through the Ingels Literacy for All grant.

