



ALVIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: SUSAN WILSON

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SUBJ: STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Request for approval of the Student Information Systems and Financial Management System meeting the State Purchasing Methods outlined under 44.031(a)(4) utilizing an Interlocal Contract for these purchases. Following the guidelines as set forth under CH(Local), we are requesting the approval of this expenditure exceeding the \$75,000.00 limit. And finally, we are requesting approval of the budget amendment for this year to cover the expenditures to startup these packages as identified on the last page of this request.

Based upon 3 months of reviewing available student and finance systems that support Texas public school functionality, the committee, listed below, would like to recommend Skyward for the student system and Tyler Technologies for the finance system. Skyward purchase can be made through our current cooperative agreement with Region 19. Tyler Technologies pricing is available Texas Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

Process for recommendations:

***Why did we begin the evaluation process?** Issues were identified with our current systems that are not providing the best management of processes, partnering with parents, and resources to teachers and staff. With the issues that we have had with partnering with our families on the online registration/enrollment process and with providing an average in the parent link app, it became clear that there were better solutions available to enhance the offerings.

*Who has been on the Team?

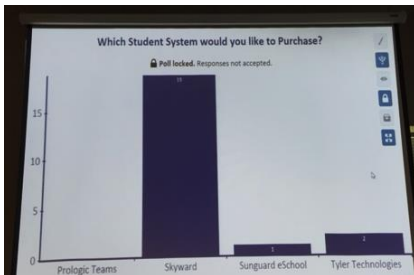
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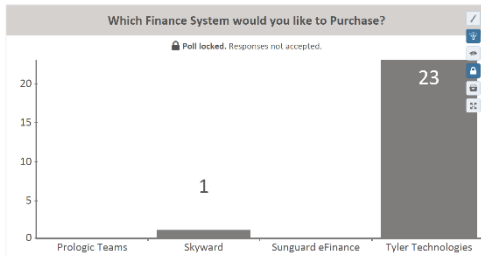
***What has the committee been doing?** During the last part of September, a committee was formed and each committee member was asked to identify “pain points” with our current systems. There were 86 pain points identified for the student system, and 63 for the finance system. Then, beginning on September 28th, we have been having demonstrations where these pain points have been discussed while reviewing the software solutions. An RFP was available and issued to vendors that have a strong customer base in Texas. There were four vendors that responded to the RFP, which we are in the process of continuing to evaluate these responses.

After the initial software demonstrations, we have had two committee meetings, for each system, where each person had the opportunity to articulate the pros & cons and questions about each system. Subsequently, based on those questions, we have conducted several follow-up demonstrations with the two vendors that seemed to have the strongest offerings. In preparation for the follow-up meeting with the software vendors to discuss some identified outstanding questions about the functionalities, each committee member submitted questions, and these 38 items were forwarded. Additionally, many of the committee members have conducted site visits and phone calls to other districts to review how these districts are utilizing the systems.

During the week of November 11th, we had meetings with Tyler Technologies and Skyward to review several processes and procedures that would need to be considered as a change to their system. They both have indicated that they would be interested in modifying their programs to accommodate Alvin ISD request and would build in a “Condition of Sale” for these changes. Today, we conducted a combined meeting of both the Student and the Finance committees to discuss all of the findings, the pricings, the timelines, and determine a final recommendation to present for recommendation at the December board meeting. At the end of the meeting, we utilized polleverywhere.com to allow everyone to have a voice in the decision for the two package recommendations. After all votes had been cast, we revealed the results, pictured below:



- Address Validation for On-line Enrollment will be available June 2016
- Pearland, Clear Creek, Friendswood, Santa Fe, Texas City, Angleton utilize the same system
- Parent app and registration process are streamlined and easier for families
- Administrative app provides the ability to quickly identify student information
- Skyward and transportation system communicate well



- Reporting capabilities are enhanced and available
- User defined fields will allow district specific requirements
- Travel expense feature already developed
- On-boarding process will meet Alvin ISD specifications with COS
- Tyler University provides self-paced staff training

Request for Budget Amendment for beginning installation and implementation during fiscal year 2016:

Software Packages	Software/Training	Hardware/Hosting	Total
Student Information System – Skyward	\$905,483.00	\$39,899	\$945,382.00
Financial Management System – Tyler Technologies	\$381,033.50	To be included in total cost of Software/Training	\$381,033.50
Total Budget Amendment:			\$1,326,415.50

We believe these systems are a dramatic improvement over the existing systems and will provide valuable resources to our Staff and Parents.