## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## Recommendation for First Amendment and Renewal 57-083E – Technical Industry Certification and Digital Tool Licensing (Certiport)

Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc., is the industry certification and digital tool licensing agency that provides students in the District that offer these industry certifications with online practice and the required skills for industry certification in career and technical programs that exist in our middle, high, and technical magnet schools. Certiport is a sole provider of the products that facilitate teacher training, student practice of industry certification exams, and student industry certification attainment in Microsoft Office. Certiport works closely with local and state economic, workforce, and education boards to provide appropriate licensing industry certifications to students. Certiport has supplied services to the District for the past nine (9) years, which has caused an increase in student exam attainment as well as Full-Time Equivalent funding to the District.

This request is to approve the first amendment and renewal of the agreement for an additional one (1) year starting December 7, 2016 through December 6, 2018, with an additional spending authority of \$892,923. The source of funds is the Carl D. Perkins Secondary Grant for \$550,000 and Career & Technical Education Expansion Plan (2018 priorities) operating fund for \$342,923.

With approval from the School Board, the new spending authority for the agreement will be \$1,613,258.

## **Financial Impact**

The total cost of \$892,922.40 includes district-wide licenses for grades K- through 12 as illustrated below:

- 22,212 licenses at \$40.20
- Provide access to every Certiport program in the District.
- Assign student inventory packs as needed. Six (6) exams in each student exam license.
- Unlimited practice tests to the students for each program, where offered.
- One (1) free Certified Conference Registration.

The renewal includes an increase in the number of licenses, which has resulted in a reduction of the per unit license fee, see below:

	Number of licenses	Per Unit Price
2017/18 (Renewal)	22,212	\$40.20
2016/17 (Original agreement)	16,659	\$43.24