

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to Approve Agreement FY21-187 – Curriculum for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

Introduction

Responsible: Procurement & Warehousing Services (PWS)

This request is to approve the Agreement between N2Y, LLC, and The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), for one (1) year, starting upon commencement of both parties through October 31, 2021. The agreement will provide access to an online curriculum for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities.

The spending authority being requested is \$681,820.

Goods/Services Description

Responsible: Exceptional Student Learning Support

The N2Y total solutions program (including Unique Learning Systems, Positivity, SymbolStix, and L3) has proved effective in showing increases in student academic, social-emotional, independent functioning, and communication skills. The N2Y Total Solutions provides students with cognitive disabilities in grades Pre-K through Transition a variety of differentiated, standards-aligned content enhanced by powerful assessments that provide data-driven insights for school administrators and classroom teachers to monitor deliberate instruction and student progress. N2Y provides automated data tracking, reporting, and benchmarking that is an integral tool for quantifying and measuring student progress in both in-person and virtual instruction. The benchmarking data provides a customized evaluation of the individual student and tracks student growth and performance over the course of the year. Based on the student performance results and individualized skills profile students are placed into customized placement levels which are aligned to the Levels of Assistance outlined on the Florida Standards Alternate Assessment. The data tools and resulting individual student data are housed in the total solution system Goals, Preferences, and Skills (GPS) Assessment Hub within the program and provide valuable information for teachers and Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams over time. The GPS system also has the capability of transferring student data for students that enter the school district and may have been enrolled in the Unique Learning program in another district or state.

Some of the online student dashboard and data sources available for classroom teachers, school administrators, and district administrators are:

Raw Scores Export
Download a CSV file containing score details for all students in a class or group of classes.

Skills Trends
See broad skill trends for a student or a class.

Skills Progression
See detailed skill levels for a student throughout the year.

Accuracy & Responsiveness Progression
Review Level 1 scores for a student for the year.

Accuracy Progression
Review Level 2/3 scores for a student for the year.

Accuracy & Responsiveness Trends
See Level 1 trends for a student or a class.

Class Summary
View most recent scores and skills for all students in a class.

Individual Growth
Measure score improvement or decline for a student over a custom time period.

Individual Summary
View most recent scores and skill level for a student.

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The N2Y total solution provides motivating interactive learning experiences and engaging visual symbol support which supports student communication skills while promoting a path to independence. N2Y provides automated data tracking, reporting, and benchmarking that is an integral tool for quantifying and measuring student progress in both in-person and virtual instruction.

- Unique Learning System provides evidence-based instructional support aligned with the District's expectation for high-quality instruction and quality progress monitoring. All materials are aligned to the Florida Standards Access Points, provide a consistent best practice lesson structure outlined in monthly themes, build conceptual understanding, and provide monthly pre/post-testing and quarterly benchmark assessments. Unique Learning Systems provides teachers and students with daily differentiated lessons, monthly suggested lesson plans, and standards-aligned content to ensure standards mastery for ELA, math, social studies & science, and transition skills.
- Positivity provides proactive behavior and engagement strategies, classroom management tools, social narratives, token boards, student-specific data collection, and progress reporting.
- Symbol Stix Prime provides unlimited access to over sixty thousand (60,000) communication symbols, provides assistive technology device templates, and the ability to customize, save, search, and reuse activities and communication tools.
- L3 Skills is an accessible standards-aligned activity skill-building program where students can access over one hundred forty (140) diverse interactive activities providing practice in academic skills and soft skills.
- News2You is a weekly online newspaper provided throughout the school year (monthly topics in the Summer ESY session) which include differentiated, symbol supported current event articles and standards-aligned activities to be used in instruction.

What is included in a teacher license?



UNIQUE LEARNING SYSTEM



Unlimited access to one grade band of differentiated lessons; monthly suggested lesson plans; and standards-aligned content for ELA, math, social studies & science, and transition; plus use of the powerful Goals, Preferences and Skills (GPS) assessment hub and resulting student data

POSITIVITY



Unlimited use of the system's proactive strategies, classroom management tools, data collection and reporting

L³ SKILLS



Unlimited access to over 140 diverse, accessible standards-aligned activities for skill building and practice in both academic and soft skills

NEWS-2-YOU



Unlimited access to the weekly online newspaper throughout the school year (monthly during the summer), including differentiated, symbol-supported current events articles plus dozens of standards-aligned activities and recurring features

For one service provider

SYMBOLSTIX PRIME



Unlimited access to the database of over 60,000 symbols, provided templates, and the ability to customize, save, search and reuse activities and communication tools



EXPERT SUPPORT FOR POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Deliver your n2y solutions with fidelity to ensure the best outcomes. Whether your district and special education teams prefer on-site or online training, each n2y program is backed by best-in-class professional development and support, from implementation courses to solution mastery to opportunities for certification.

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N2Y also provides ongoing professional development in order to ensure the best outcomes and fidelity of implementation. Teachers have access to in-person training support and various online training opportunities from solution mastery to implementation that staff can complete at their convenience through their teacher professional development portal dashboard. Staff also has access to expert support from the N2Y customer care team and a district-specific shared space portal created specifically for Broward County teachers where teachers can pose questions, comments, or feedback providing an additional resource to learn at an individual pace.

Procurement Method
Responsible: PWS

Pursuant to Rule 6A -1.012, 11(b), and 14, Florida Administrative Code, and Purchasing Policy 3320, Section II.H, authorizes the purchase of any type of copyrighted materials, instructional materials, and computer software without competitive solicitations.

Financial Impact
Responsible: PWS and Exceptional Student Learning Support

The spending authority being requested is \$681,820 as detailed below:

Product	Quantity	Price	Total Price
L3 Skills	585	\$129.00	\$ 75,465
News 2 You	585	\$191.08	\$111,781
Positivity	585	\$399.00	\$233,415
SymbolStix	585	\$99	\$ 57,915
Unique Learning	585	\$554.51	\$324,388
Total			\$802,964
Less fifteen (15) Discount			\$121,147
Discounted Price			\$681,817

The funding source is General funds. The financial impact amount represents an estimated contract value; however, the amount authorized will not exceed the estimated contract award amount.