



**EAST AURORA**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: June 15, 2026  
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools  
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education  
From: Dr. Ami Engel, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Subject: iReady Personalized Learning and Benchmark

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**Issue:**

The district is seeking Board approval to purchase the i-Ready assessment and personalized learning platform for all students in grades K–8 in English Language Arts, Spanish Literacy, and Mathematics beginning in the upcoming school year. This purchase would replace the district’s current NWEA MAP benchmarking system.

**Justification:**

The district has utilized NWEA MAP as its benchmarking assessment platform to measure student growth and achievement. While MAP has provided valuable benchmark data, it does not include an integrated personalized learning component designed to provide targeted instruction and intervention based on student performance.

**Board Policy and Past Practice:**

Consistent with past district practice, instructional and assessment resources are periodically reviewed to ensure alignment with district goals, student needs, and instructional priorities. The district has historically invested in assessment systems that provide meaningful data to support instructional decision-making and student achievement.

**Strategic Plan:**

This proposal supports Strategic Goal #1 Educational Equity: East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment and Strategic Goal #4, Student Achievement: East Aurora School District 131 will ensure the academic success of all students by closing the opportunity gap.

**Supporting Data:**

The district currently spends approximately \$200,000 annually for the NWEA MAP assessment subscription. The proposed i-Ready purchase a comparable financial investment, and it includes both:

- Comprehensive benchmarking assessments, and
- Personalized learning and intervention supports embedded within the platform.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Curriculum Associates i-Ready personalized learning and benchmarking platform for all K–8 students in English Language Arts, Spanish Literacy, and Mathematics at a total four-year cost of \$615,116.83 beginning in the upcoming school year. This would be paid for by a combination of Title I and local funds.

**Timeline for Decision:**

June 15, 2026

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