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Approval of Contract Renewal with Presence for Virtual School Psychology Services

Purpose

To present the Board of Education with a service order agreement to approve a continued partnership with PresenceLearning, Inc. (Presence) for the 2026-2027 school year. This contract supplements our existing in-person school psychology staff with virtual psychoeducational assessments and consultation services.

Background and Information

Our in-person school psychologist plays an irreplaceable role in our buildings, but growing diagnostic and administrative demands often pull time away from proactive, preventative MTSS work. By continuing our partnership with Presence, we can effectively extend our district's capacity. This collaborative model allows our in-person school psychologist to focus on direct student support and teacher collaboration, while virtual providers absorb specific evaluation components.

Operational Framework and Division of Labor

The responsibilities under this combined model will be strategically divided to maximize efficiency.

- The in-person school psychologist will focus on Academic Success meetings, early intervention teams, initial referrals, and face-to-face academic or cognitive assessments.
- The virtual school psychologists will primarily handle records reviews, evaluations for students in alternative settings, and all bilingual evaluations.
- The remote network grants the district immediate access to specialized clinicians, including bilingual specialists, to ensure compliance and robust support.

Fiscal Impact and Contract Terms

The contract renewal spans from August 3, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The agreement includes a psychoeducational assessment commitment of \$41,000.00 and a one-time program readiness fee of \$2,900.00, for a total estimated annual cost of \$43,900.00. This expenditure is fully budgeted within our special education contractual services baseline.

Administrative Recommendation

The administration recommends that the Board of Education formally approve the Services Agreement with PresenceLearning, Inc. for an estimated annual total of \$43,900.00 as presented.