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FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Executive Summary  
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting  
Agenda Item**

**MEETING: Planning**

**DATE: 7/11/2022**

**TOPIC: Pearson Assessment Platform**

**PREPARED BY: Brooke Stinson**

**Recommended Action on: 7/25/2022**

**Action Item for Vote (REGULAR MEETING)**

**Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes**

**Recommendation/Motion: A motion is in order to approve the Pearson Assessment Platform MOU for the 2022-23 school year.**

**Background/Rationale: Memorandum of Understanding for the 2022-2023 school year to utilize the Pearson Assessment Platform. This platform will provide the district and schools with data analysis around individual standards. Pearson will create unit assessments based on unit frameworks in grades 3- High School.**

**Policy: 08.1 Curriculum**

**Fiscal Impact: \$680,880 for 2022-2023.**

**Data Considerations: Department of Assessment, Teaching and Learning, Office of Instructional Technology researched five different platforms and created a rubric based on Principal feedback. This rubric determined Pearson as the platform that would best meet the needs of the district and schools.**

**Strategic Priority: Student Achievement**

**Attachments(s): MOU Pearson and Fayette County**

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

NCS Pearson, Inc.

and

Fayette County Public Schools

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), effective June 21, 2022, sets forth the terms and understanding between NCS Pearson, Inc. ("Pearson") and the Fayette County Public Schools (the "District") (each a "Party" and together, the "Parties") related to the products and services that Pearson will be offering the District pursuant to a quote dated May 12, 2022 ("Quote").

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to outline the understandings of Pearson and the District as they relate to the work Pearson will be performing in connection with the Quote (Attachment A).

The Parties await the execution of an agreement ("Agreement") formalizing the provision of Pearson products and services as outlined in the Quote. However, the schedule for the provision of products and performance of services as provided in the Quote requires Pearson to begin preliminary work prior to the execution of the Agreement. Therefore, the District hereby authorizes Pearson, via signature on this MOU to perform work, incur costs, and invoice the District related to the following preliminary tasks performed between July 11, 2022 and July 10, 2023 or until the Agreement is executed.

### **Preliminary tasks and Quote**

Pearson is committed to providing quality services and products that meet the needs of all learners. Our pricing schedule is written with the opportunity for Pearson to provide all elements requested over the course of three school years. The pricing significantly drops once the assessments have been created. Also included is our MZD/Adam platform with customer support that will provide the district professional learning and project management for a key person(s) to turn to for technology support and service.

As your district moves toward unique unit assessments per subject and grade, the district will find in this quote the pricing for assessment creation and deployment of 277 unique assessment. The reports will provide your district administration, principals and teachers with precise and psychometrically sound data for making decisions and preserve instructional time.

Our team will support the district through each element, especially with time to review the assessment's alignment to Kentucky standards and Fayette's Scope and Sequence. Our team is prepared to have the EL/A, Math, and for grades 3-8, high school, social studies grades 5, 8, and high school, and science middle school and high school first assessment ready for the fall of 2022 for the first unit assessment deployment. For elementary science, 3-5, assessments will be delivered in year two. It is important to note that in review our bank and aligning those items to the KY state standards, multiple items will need to be uniquely written to be meet the needs of scope and sequence alignment. Also, the sooner we have those documents in hand for each grade and subject, the more likely we will be in staying on track to a project plan, which we will work with the Fayette team to create and agree upon.

Additionally, current national and available banks do not have items that have been aligned to KY state standards in social studies and some areas of science. We know that the general items that we do have will pose standards gaps. As you might imagine, this is an ever-changing area for item alignment. The quote suggests a soft roll out moving some assessment deployment to fall of 2023. Our team is prepared to deliver up to 277 assessments in total, over a three-year period with each assessment having 15-25 items per assessment as appropriate the covered standards.

Within year one, ELA and math assessments will be created as follows:

- Math
  - Elementary units 1 and 3 assessments
    - Unit 1 to be deployed by September 23, 2022
    - Unit 3 to be deployed in March, 2023
  - Middle School up to 8 units to be deployed TBD
  - High school up to 8 units to be deployed TBD
- English Language Arts
  - Elementary units 2 and 4 assessments
    - Unit 2 to be deployed by November/December, 2022
    - Unit 4 to be deployed in April, 2023
  - Middle School up to 4 units to be deployed TBD
  - High school up to 4 units to be deployed TBD

This MOU acknowledges mutual agreement of the terms herein.

**Fayette County Public Schools**

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Authorized Signature

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Date

**NCS Pearson, Inc.**

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Date

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# ATTACHMENT A

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
MZD/Adam Platform for the delivery and reporting of all formative assessments Includes subscription to platform and two item banks	\$330,050	\$330,050	\$330,050
Implementation (one-time fee)	\$8,370	N/A	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment form creation, aligned to KY standards and Fayette Scope and Sequence</li> <li>3-8 grade levels for subjects of Eng/LA, Math</li> <li>6-8 Science</li> <li>Social Studies- 5, 8</li> <li>High School Courses- Alg. I, Alg II, Geometry, Eng. I, Eng. II, Eng. III, Eng. IV, Biology</li> </ul> Includes review and collaboration of all blueprints unit assessments., ( Delivered school year 2022-23)	\$335,460	N/A	N/A
Ongoing work for review of bank, alignment to Fayette scope and sequences, and assessment creation K-2 Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies 3-5 Science K-4 Social Studies, 6&7 social studies, Grade 11 Social studies High School Science- Chemistry, Physics (Delivered school year 2023-24)	Portion of work started with first year payment	\$150,000	N/A
Project Management/Customer Service	\$ 4,800	\$4,800	\$4,800
Professional Learning – 2 Days	\$2,200	\$2,200	Optional
Total:	\$680,880	\$487,050	\$334,850