

BATAVIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District 101

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the challenges of tomorrow*

To: Board of Education
From: Jan Wright
Date: January 26, 2010
Subject: Pearson Inform Approval

Policy Reference: 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
Agenda Item: Pearson Inform Approval
Item Type: **Consent**

Recommendation: I recommend the Board of Education approve the use of stimulus funds to purchase Pearson *Inform*.

Background Information:

In April of 2009, the district launched a new student information system, *PowerSchool*, developed by Pearson. This system has streamlined many of our processes and has made information about students much more accessible to teachers, principals, and secretaries. We are now ready to take the next step in providing timely and reliable information about student progress towards meeting state and district standards.

In an effort to find such a tool, Paige Koos and I researched various products and narrowed it down to two: Pearson's *Inform* and Riverside's *Data Director*. Although both offer many features for teachers and principals to manipulate student data, we believe *Inform* will be more user-friendly and has the added feature of being aligned to Pearson's *PowerSchool*. One feature that will be available because of this alignment is the ability for parents to view historical data on their child's performance through the *PowerSchool* parent portal.

In an effort to ensure the success of *Inform*, we believe that it is important to dedicate one full-time teacher on special assignment to provide the necessary training to administrators and teachers. The position will be a temporary one-year assignment.

Budget Implications:

A breakdown of the costs is included below.

PowerSchool Implementation Costs	
Hardware	\$ 25,000
Software	\$ 41,181
Implementation and Training Services	\$ 19,437
Implementation Coordinator	\$ 84,000
Total	\$169, 618

These initial implementations costs would be covered through our federal stimulus funds. It is anticipated that each year after this, we would incur a \$6800 maintenance cost.