SUBJECT:

Online Curriculum Management System

BACKGROUND:

The Division of Instruction and Accountability curriculum staff has been working with teams of teachers for the past four years to develop and maintain the Aiken County Public School District curriculum. That curriculum is currently housed on the school district website. This method for housing the curriculum has proven inefficient and cumbersome for teachers because of the inconstancies in format and the inability to align subject areas. Schools are not able to make adjustments to the curriculum based on thematic approaches, nor are teachers able to make adjustments based on formative assessment data.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Rubicon Atlas is a curriculum management system that eliminates the inconsistencies of our current curriculum maps. With this system all curriculum maps will be in the same format and easily accessible by Aiken County Public School District staff. While the curriculum maps, including standards and pacing, are required for all classrooms, the Rubicon Atlas management system allows schools to adapt units of instruction to support STEM/STEAM, arts infusion, and other magnet or thematic approaches. That adaptability extends to the classroom while maintaining the integrity of district-wide expectations.

ATTACHEMENT:

Rubicon Atlas Licensing and Services Summary

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the five-year license agreement for Rubicon Atlas

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Aiken County Public School District
Licensing & Services Summary

ATLAS CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Five-year license for use of the Atlas Curriculum Management System, renewable annually thereafter.

- Initial implementation and configuration of Atlas to support the curricular requirements at Aiken County Public School District including:

  - Desired pedagogical approach
  - Unit template design, categories and definitions
  - National, state and other academic standards
  - Reference library and associated resources
  - Subjects, courses, classes and faculty rosters
  - District logo and colors

- Hosting of Atlas within Rubicon's technical infrastructure.

- Document upload capabilities that provide for web-based storage and searching of faculty instructional materials, lesson plans and other resources.

- Technical support, software updates and ongoing configuration enhancements.

- Separately customizable parents' version of the system.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- One onsite leadership planning and consultative session focused on the key goals and objectives for the curriculum management process, as well as specific implementation plans and strategies.

- Online series of technical training sessions to establish baseline understandings:

  - Atlas Foundations
  - Equipping the Core Team
  - System Administration

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- One onsite professional development sessions focused on establishing a foundation for success of the ongoing curriculum management process. Representative topics could include:

  - Curriculum Leadership and Quality Curriculum Design
  - Curriculum Analysis and Continuous Curriculum Improvement
  - Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners

COST

- The annual license fee for the use of Atlas at Aiken County Public School District by an Essential Map Writing Team, plus curriculum review and analysis capabilities for all faculty and staff is:

  - Year 1: $13,950
  - Year 2: $13,950
  - Year 3: $13,950
  - Year 4: $13,950
  - Year 5: $13,950

- Reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses associated with the onsite planning and professional development sessions (i.e., travel related costs).

- There are no costs associated with online training, webinar offerings or ongoing client support.

- Rubicon prides itself on providing a wide range of training and professional development alternatives. Please feel free to reference our website to review our current offerings.