

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
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**SUBJECT:**

PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, Aiken County Public Schools implemented an online assessment platform to provide teachers specific data on students' progress toward mastering South Carolina Standards and to give students experience in a time bound testing format. With an emphasis on formative assessment and Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to make data-driven instructional decisions, teachers needed a flexible assessment platform that allows them to tailor assessments to the South Carolina standards and collaboratively analyze results.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The current online assessment contract will end during the 2019-20 school year. As part of the PowerSchool Unified Systems implementation, administration recommends that the board approve a transition to PowerSchool's assessment platform, Performance Matters Assessment.

The five-year cost for the current system was \$1,072,000 or an average of \$214,400 per year. Performance Matters assessment has a year one cost of \$179,159.45, which includes training and implementation. At Risk funds will be flexed to cover those year one costs. Ongoing annual costs thereafter will be \$143,824.48.

In addition to the cost savings, Performance Matters Assessment will integrate with other PowerSchool functions, including PowerTeacher, to improve usability for teachers and administrators.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the transition to PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform for Benchmarking and Formative Assessment

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