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CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT ON FISCAL EFFICIENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Pursuant to Section 85 of Public Act 102-1088 (collectively, “Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act”), Illinois School Districts are required to provide a report which summarizes district attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year. Specifically, attempts related to Insurance, Employee Benefits, Transportation, Personnel Recruitment, Shared Personnel, Technology Services, Energy Purchasing, Supply and Equipment Purchasing, Food Services, Legal Services, Investment Pools, Special Education Cooperatives, Vocational Cooperatives, Shared Educational Programs, Curriculum Planning, Professional Development, Custodial Services, Maintenance Services, Grounds Maintenance Services, Grant Writing, and STEM Program Offerings.

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) has defined attempts to improve fiscal efficiency through shared services or outsourcing in the prior fiscal year as any new expenditure in the reporting fiscal year or reduction in expenditure that was intended to or had the effect of, reducing or avoiding overall expenditure, without reducing services, through either:

- Sharing a service between multiple CPS operating units/departments
- Sharing a service between CPS and other entities
- Outsourcing an existing or new service

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer worked with representatives from the Department of Procurement and other departments to compile expenses that met the definition above into the attached report.

This report is accompanying the Annual Financial Report that will be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attempts to Improve Fiscal Efficiency through Shared Services or
Outsourcing in Fiscal Year 2023**

Name	Description	Amount	Additional Details
Technology Services			
Audio Visual/Interactive Whiteboard Strategic Source Contract	Continued investment in a centralized contract to provide a curated catalog of Audio/Visual (A/V) or Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) equipment to standardize specific models that schools can buy.	\$10,000,000	Prior to implementing the centralized strategic sourcing contract, schools and departments purchased A/V and IWB equipment through different procurement avenues with different pricing and support offerings. Continued investment in a centralized contract enables CPS to use the district's collective buying power to ensure the lowest pricing.
Software Procurement Contract	Continued investment in a centralized contract with two software value-added resellers (VAR).	\$45,000,000	VARs evaluate software licensing options based on a client's organizational needs and scale. Continuing our centralized Software Procurement Contract with two VARs ensures that CPS can procure software at the lowest cost.
Field Support Services (FSS) Vendor contract	Continued investment in a centralized contract for technical field support. Vendors visit each school based on the number of devices they have to ensure devices are in proper working order.	\$12,250,000	Historically, individual schools have contracted with vendors for on-site technical support. This centralized FSS contract ensures a standard district-wide support price lower than the previous average school-specific cost.

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Sports Administration			
Honest Game	Contracted with Honest Game to implement a comprehensive post-secondary dashboard for district student athletes, facilitating a detailed tracking of their academic progress and course requirements essential for athletic scholarship eligibility in college. This initiative has significantly standardized support processes across schools, ensuring a uniform approach in guiding student-athletes toward their graduation and post-secondary athletic aspirations.	\$60,000	The collaboration with Honest Game has streamlined counseling procedures, effectively reducing overall expenditures. By replacing the previously varied and often inconsistent counseling resources with a consistent, district-wide system, we've empowered counselors to better support individual student needs. This strategic partnership not only optimizes financial and counseling resources but also significantly uplifts the level of academic and athletic support provided to our student-athletes.