
TIPTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

DATE: MAY 7, 2018

RE: **IXL Proposal – Supplemental Materials**

Tipton Elementary and Tipton Middle Schools are requesting permission to use the software subscription [IXL Program](#) to supplement the math and language arts instructional program K-8. IXL provides unlimited practice in more than 7000 topics, covering math, language arts, science, and social studies. Interactive questions, awards, and certificates keep kids motivated as they master skills. IXL is a supplemental program that is recommended by the TCSC staff K-8 to be used with ALL students. It is also being used by the Special Ed Department at the high school. Some of the rationale for this recommendation includes:

- IXL is an immersive K-12 learning experience that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content for math and language arts.
- IXL cultivates curiosity. The program provides personalized skill recommendations which encourage growth and exploration, and empowers students to make smart choices about what to learn next.
- IXL's continuous diagnostic tells the teacher exactly what the students know and gives each learner a unique action plan to continue developing their abilities.
- IXL analytics provides real-time insight that helps the teacher address trouble spots and refines teaching in the moment, so the teacher can watch student progress soar.

Tipton Elementary has been using the program funded through Title I Funds. Those funds have been reduced to the point that Title I can no longer pay for this subscription. Based on their student enrollment, **Tipton Elementary School** is requesting permission to assess a **\$9.78 fee for the IXL subscription** based learning site. This amount would be added to the TES Textbook Rental and Fees proposal.

Tipton Middle School has been using the program for the past year and has absorbed the cost which has put a strain on their Textbook Rental Funds. Based on their student enrollment, **Tipton Middle School** is requesting permission to assess a **\$9.29 fee for the IXL subscription** based learning site. This amount is included in the TMS Textbook Rental and Fees proposal.

It is recommended that the above fees be included in the 2018-2019 Textbook Rental and Fees as supplemental materials.