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## **BID #VPS-FY16-001**

### **ONLINE BLENDED LEARNING RFP - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Q. Can you tell me if decisions have already been made to move in a different direction than Gradpoint?**

*A. We are exploring all options to determine what would be most valuable for our students in terms of meeting their needs.*

**Q. The requirement lists a wide range of subjects covering many disciplines. It also requires the successful vendor to provide videos of actual teachers teaching the subject. Quite frankly, the scope of the requirement and the demand for a blended learning delivery system that does everything in the requirement is a product that is unknown to me. If there is such a vendor and they have all of this ready for use by mid-August, why is the school system placing this RFP on the street when they could easily justify a sole source award?**

*A. We have some limited experience with a variety of online learning platforms, and developed this RFP based on our experiences with them.*

**Q. How can you expect all of the students in grades 6 through 12 to gain enough seat time using just 40 concurrent licenses?**

*A. We do not expect all of our grade 6-12 students to use the blended learning option. It is currently used primarily for credit recovery, and limited to original-credit courses. We expect to increase our use of the original-credit option this year.*

**Q. Is the evaluation team expecting that vendors must have all of the subjects listed in the RFP or are they willing to allow vendors to supply what they have and to provide a delivery schedule for those subjects not available?**

*A. We currently have students who need electives for this fall; therefore, immediate access to the electives are important for our students.*

**Q. I noticed the small number of licenses that you're looking for, and was curious if this was a pilot or perhaps for credit recovery/extension?**

*A. While currently used primarily for credit recovery with some limited original-credit use, we are looking to expand to using Blended Learning as an original-credit instructional tool.*

**Q. Are your teachers used to working with any learning management systems currently - e.g. Moodle, Edmodo, Schoology, and Google Classroom?**

*A. Some are, but on an individual basis, not a school-wide basis. We are building school-wide expertise in this area, but as yet have no unified application as an LMS.*

**Q. Does your school currently use Google Apps for Education?**

*A. No, we do not. We're transitioning to using Google Drive, but not to Google Apps for Education.*

**Q. We presume that the obligation to indemnify in Section 3.11 on page 13 applies only to the extent that the indemnitor is the cause of damage. Is this correct?**

*A. Refer to the RFP under Section 3.11.*

**Q. Will the questions and answers become part of the contract?**

*A. All questions and answers will be posted and will become part of the Bid package.*

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