

Community Unit School District 303
Board of Education
Business Services Committee Meeting
April 28, 2016

3. Items for Discussion

Subject: Annual Subscription for Read&Write for Google Chrome

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The Read&Write for Google Chrome from Texthelp provide universal access and tools to support literacy for all students in District 303. Teachers use the software to differentiate instruction while supporting student acquisition of skills such as building vocabulary, reading comprehension, organizing information, researching, and higher order thinking skills.

This tool provides students with:

- Help for struggling readers and writers, students with learning disabilities, and English Language Learners
- Text to Speech functionality that improves reading comprehension and fluency
- Tools to facilitate research, writing, and study skills
- Integration with mainstream applications
- By providing UDL (Universal Design for Learning) tools that benefit ALL students across all RTI Tiers
- Access to the software from their home computers
- Ability to use the tools on multiple platforms: Windows, Mac, Google Drive, iPads, and Androids
- Snapverter is a document conversion add-on which recognizes text from worksheets, handouts, books, photocopies, and other paper based classroom materials making text accessible.

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost
12 month renewable subscription of Read&Write for Google Chrome	13,145	\$1.50	\$19,717.50
12 month renewable subscription of Snapverter*	13,145	\$.45	\$5,915.25
Includes access to Read&Write for iPad and Android Apps	13,145	\$.0	\$.0
TOTAL			\$25,632.75

Net Budget Impact:

Within Budget

Committee Recommendation:

To be determined

Administration Recommendation:

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the annual subscription for Read&Write for Google Chrome support in the amount of \$25,632.75