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To: David Narkewicz

From: John Provost

Date: June 6, 2016

Re: Six Year Contract Approval

I am requesting approval under MGL chapter 30B, section 12, to enter into purchases for instructional materials for a period of up to six years. Joe Cook has notified us that we can not exceed three years without a City Council order.

We currently have a purchase pending for textbooks for a high school math program. Along with purchasing the textbooks, we would like to purchase a six year license for digital copies of the textbooks, which would allow students to access the textbook online from home, reducing our need to send textbooks home with the students.

Purchasing the textbooks with a one year license for the digital copies would cost us \$9,053 plus shipping/handling. To purchase the same books with a six year license would cost us \$9,478 plus shipping/handling. For \$425 more this year, we would get an additional five years of the digital license. If we buy one year at a time, it would cost us \$44,840 more over the six years (more if the prices were to go up in subsequent years).

As more instructional materials move to online, we would anticipate this coming up in future purchases. Hence my request that I be authorized to do such contracts for any instructional materials.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

cc:Candice Walczak