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Addendum #1

REBID-Preparation of High School Entrance Exam in Providence School Main Language

Issue Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Bids Due: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 1:00PM

1. I want to confirm this is a virtual entrance exam.

The district plans to administer this exam in person, but we are open to students taking it on a digital device such as a chromebook or via paper/pencil.

- 2. How many students have taken this entrance exam each year over the past three years?
 - a. For the 2024/2025 SY there were approximately 795 students that took the placement exam.
 - b. For the 2023/2024 SY there were approximately 802 students that took the placement exam.
- 3. In what ways does the primary entrance exam vary from the practice module? Should the practice module be an abbreviated version, or also a full-length practice test?

 The practice module can be an abbreviated version, but we would like it to be as closely related to the actual test. Many of our middle schools host High School entrance test practice sessions. The practice module would help students prepare for the high school entrance test.
- 4. Is there a preference for how long this test should take? Our suggestion would be between 2 and 3 hours.

No more than 2-3 hours.

5. The RFP mentions recommendations for immediate actions to support the district's equity practices and Turnaround Action Plan metrics. Are there specific metrics or goals within the Turnaround Action Plan that should be prioritized? Is the District seeking recommendations focused solely on the test administration process, or are there other broader educational strategies you're seeking input on and support with?

The Excellence in Learning: As part of our Turnaround Action Plan, we are working to ensure all students have access to high-quality schools. Currently the entrance exam for our highest performing school is only administered in English. We would like to ensure we are removing language as a barrier for multilingual learners.

6.	The RFP mentions two, one-year options for renewal. Are there specific performance benchmarks or conditions that will influence whether the contract is renewed? Should pricing for renewal years be the same, or is there an expectation of adjusted pricing for the option years?
	Conditions that would influence a contract renewal for additional option years would be price. We would be looking for a price that would be adjusted and lowered with current and additional optional years.