RFP 18-20 Online Learning Platform for Literacy and Mathematics Questions and Answers

1. Is the district open to products that do not cover the full grade span (e.g. preK-6 rather than through 8th)? Yes

2. Is the district only interested in products that have BOTH math and reading? Our preference will be one platform that contains both math and reading. If we don't have a viable option that has both then we will consider separate platforms.

3. Would FCPS consider a solution for math or literacy only? We are looking for an online platform that allows both.

4. If we plan to submit a waiver for MWVBE requirements, does FCPS still require the other MWVBE forms, e.g., signed as N/A? No, only the Waiver is needed.

5. How many students are expected to need the platform? The goal is to have the platform available for all PK-8 students in FCPS. That could be as many as 30,000

6. The scope of work states the platform should be "Inclusive of professional learning..." - please confirm if professional learning can be priced separately from platform costs It is fine for it to priced separately on the quote

7. If professional development needs to be part of the platform cost, what is the minimum required amount of professional development FCPS requires? How many teachers will need training? The number of hours of PD will be based on the familiarity with the platform and the needs of each teacher. For our summer learning approximately 200 teachers might need training. Of course, this will have to be virtually.

8. Given the proposal requirements and reference requests, would FCPS consider a one week extension of the proposal deadline to May 18? We need to have something in place for summer learning and in order to meet approval deadlines we are not able to extend the due date.

9. Given current shelter-in orders, would FCPS accept electronic signatures on all RFP forms? Yes

10. Likewise, could FCPS waive notary public requirements? Yes

11. Is FCPS currently using an online platform for literacy and math? If so, what vendor/solution? We have multiple platforms at different schools across the district. We do not have one that is consistent between all schools. Some that are currently being used at different schools are Lexia, Success Maker, Imagine Learning, Dreambox, IXL, etc.

12. Under the Scope of Work, could you confirm the "ESS requirements for school improvement" refer to the KY Extended School Services (https://education.ky.gov/educational/int/Pages/ESS.aspx)? It should be "ESSA requirements for school improvement".

13. Does the online solution need to be both a literacy and math solution? Yes

14. Is the District looking for core and/or supplemental, or JUST supplemental. (RFP notes it both ways…) In a normal environment the platform would be supplemental. The question becomes is it feasible for the platform to be the core in the event that further extended school closures are needed.

15. Does the solution have to be a comprehensive K-8 solution, or can vendors submit to partial grade spans. The district prefers all grades but will consider partial.

16.   Our offices are working remotely through the end of May. Can this RFP be emailed? RFP can be submitted online or through email according to the RFP specifications.

17.   Are you looking specifically for Prek-8? Our company provides grade levels 1 to 6, and some Kindergarten. Products that do not cover all grades will be considered.

18.   On page 14, re: NWEA, I would like to confirm if this is reference to MAP Scores and MAP Assessments? Yes

19.   Will the district consider separate programs for the different subjects? For instance, we have a separate program for Math than we do for Literacy. Both solutions are adaptive and can be used as core programs but do not cover both subject matters. Our preference will be one platform that contains both math and reading. If we don't have a viable option that has both then we will consider separate platforms.

20.   If we submit products and they are not selected, does that inhibit us from pursuing selling them to the district outside of this opportunity? No

21.   Will this RFP be awarded to multiple vendors or just one? The preference will be given to one platform that covers all of the categories mentioned in the RFP

22. Is the district looking for a single system with both Math and ELA?
Our preference will be one platform that contains both math and reading. If we don't have a viable option that has both then we will consider separate platforms.

23. Will the district consider purchasing from multiple providers for different grade levels? The preference will be given to one platform that covers all of the categories mentioned in the RFP

24. Regarding items 35-45 under 'Purchases by FCPS Food Service' on pages 7-8, these items do not apply to online educational products. Should vendors ignore their inclusion or cite in their response that these items do not apply? You may cite that items do not apply.