



New Student Information System (SIS) Project Update

To: Audit Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that new Student Information System (SIS) update be received.

Context

The Student Information System (SIS), also known as Trillium, is a critical system of record for the collection, recording, validation and reporting of student registration, achievement and attendance data. The SIS supports the Ministry reporting process (ONSIS) that drives the operational funding TDSB receives from the Ministry.

In July 2019, PowerSchool, the Trillium vendor, informed Ontario school boards of their intent to 'sunset' the Trillium product. PowerSchool provided an upgrade path for Ontario districts to migrate from the legacy Trillium to the new PowerSchool SIS platform. The new PowerSchool SIS was evaluated by TDSB stakeholders and ranked highest among market competitors. The PowerSchool SIS was selected to replace Trillium and the budget was approved in May 2020 to migrate TDSB from the legacy Trillium SIS to the new PowerSchool SIS.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

The implementation strategy was recalibrated from a Phased Roll-Out to a Large-Scale Roll-Out where both Elementary and Secondary Schools migrate to PowerSchool during the same School Year. This approach is known as a Scheduler Start with two key milestone dates:

- System Live Date - early 2022, when PowerSchool is live in Production and schools will start entering scheduling and registration data for the following School Year
- System of Record Date - Summer 2022, when Trillium is no longer being updated and PowerSchool SIS becomes the operational SIS

Please refer to Appendix A for rationale and details of changing from a Phased to a Large-Scale Roll-Out.

Resource Implications

Please refer to Appendix A for the update on 2020-21 budget versus actual expenditure amounts.

Communications Considerations

A schedule change to the regular updates to the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee (FBEC) and the Audit Committee is proposed whereby updates will be provided to the Audit Committee Quarterly and biannually to FBEC.

Please refer to Appendix A for the proposed schedule.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

P017 – Purchasing Policy

Appendices

- Appendix A: “Audit Cmtee -PowerSchool New SIS” - Presentation

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