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Cost Proposal for Yonkers Public Schools

This cost proposal dated as of August 28, 2023, is provided to Yonkers Public Schools by NWEA for the following related to scoring operations:

- Score student responses for Computer Based Tests (CBT) for New York 3 -8 ELA and math and grades 5 and 8 science assessments for the Spring 2024 test administration.
- Conduct the required quality scoring checks by conducting read behinds as required by the scoring rules as defined by New York State.
- Provide for Yonkers Public Schools administration to perform an independent audit.

Scope of Work

Yonkers Public Schools will administer the ELA, math, and science assessments during the New York State Test Administration window of April 8, 2024 – May 17, 2024.

NWEA, under the direction of Teri Hendrickson, Vice President of Scoring Operations, will employ professionally trained scorers who will score all CBT constructed responses by Yonkers students for the NY Spring 2024 test administration.

Scoring staff will be responsible for the management and coordination of the ELA, math, and science Scorer Training. All scoring staff will use the state provided materials to fully understand and maintain the quality of all scores. These materials are the following:

- o Scoring Leader Handbook
- o Scoring Leader Materials
- o Scorer Materials including
  - Training Sets
  - Practice Sets
  - Consistency Assurance Sets

Requirements Necessary to Perform Services as Scheduled

To provide the price offered and meet the timelines outlined in this proposal, we ask Yonkers Public Schools to adhere to the following requirement:

- Approximately 60 calendar days prior to April 8, 2024, Yonkers Public Schools provides the specific dates that the CBT ELA, math, and science tests will be administered within the Yonkers district to allow appropriate scorer staffing.

Project Management

NWEA will assign a Program Manager who will be responsible for overall project management, coordination, and communication with Yonkers Public Schools leadership. The Program Manager will work with the NWEA Scoring Operations team to ensure that all student responses are scored and Yonkers Public Schools is set up to conduct their independent scoring audit.

Scoring Process

NWEA is committed to giving the correct score to each student's response—and that happens because the quality of each scorer's work is constantly monitored every day throughout every project. The ability to monitor scorer reliability is greatly enhanced by having all scorers working in a remote real-time scoring environment.

NWEA's electronic scoring application, ScorePoint, will be used by scorers to score all computer-based testing (CBT) responses. The ScorePoint system is a secure, centrally-hosted software application, to score responses to constructed response items entered by students during CBT administration. Through ScorePoint, thousands of scorers can score online at the same time. Data and images are centrally stored in the cloud at our data center and are available to scorers only through the secure application interface, using a distributed scoring model that has been customized to meet New York State scoring standards.

Constructed responses are automatically and randomly distributed to the scorers by ScorePoint. Each response is initially assigned to a single scorer. ScorePoint sequentially displays a set of student responses to the scorer, and as each response is displayed, radio buttons representing valid score choices for that item are displayed next to the response for single-click scoring. As each score is clicked, the next response is automatically presented with its corresponding score choices.

Once scoring is underway, scorers have the ability to flag problematic responses for their Team Leaders. Team Leaders can forward responses to the Scoring Director as well. Text boxes allow scorers and Team Leaders to explain why the response is being sent for review. Scoring Directors and Team Leaders also access ScorePoint to take part in scoring, monitor scorers, or print various status reports, such as typical scoring time per item per scorer.

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Yonkers Public Schools Independent Scoring Audit

NWEA will score all student responses for Yonkers Public Schools students who completed a CBT assessment in either ELA, math, and/or science for the Spring 2024 operational test administration during the official scoring window (April 9th – May 24th).

No more than three weeks following the completion of all NWEA scoring, NWEA will reload 100% of the Yonkers CBT ELA, math, and science responses to allow Yonkers' educators to enter a score. Yonkers' educators will not see the original score that NWEA entered. Yonkers educators will score a percentage of those responses during this audit window. The exact dates of the audit window will be determined mutually by NWEA and Yonkers Public Schools following execution of this agreement. NWEA expects that the window will be approximately 5 business days in length.

Yonkers Public Schools will provide NWEA a list of scoring directors (for account setup in ScorePoint) no later than two weeks prior to the opening of the audit scoring window.

Following the completion of audit scoring, NWEA will provide 7 separate score files in the file formats used in 2023. These include the following:
1. NWEA ELA score file
2. NWEA math score file
3. NWEA science score file
4. Yonkers Public Schools ELA score file
5. Yonkers Public Schools math score file
6. Yonkers Public Schools science score file
7. Yonkers Public Schools Names and Staff numbers

Timing: ScorePoint will be available for Yonkers educators to perform the audit scoring. NWEA's Program Manager will define specific dates with Yonkers Public Schools' leadership following execution of this agreement.

Manual/Documentation: Yonkers Public Schools will use the NY ScorePoint Manual for training. No additional manual/documentation is necessary to operate in this system.

Pricing

Below is the pricing for Yonkers Public Schools scoring by content area. Pricing is based on a per student basis. Estimated Totals are based on N-Counts provided by Yonkers Public Schools. At the completion of the project, Yonkers Public Schools will be invoiced for the actual costs based on the number of students scored. Project Management costs and IT Coordination and Infrastructure are fixed costs and not based on student counts.

Yonkers Public Schools Scoring Cost Estimate - Spring 2024			
ELA Scoring	**ESTIMATED N-Counts**	**Price per Student**	**Estimated Total for Yonkers Public Schools**
ELA Grades 3 through 8	10,475	$8.00	$83,800.00
Math Scoring			
Math Grades 3 through 8	10,475	$3.75	$39,281.25
Science Scoring			
Grade 5	1,786	$3.25	$5,804.50
Grade 8	611	$5.25	$3,207.75
SCORING TOTAL			
Fixed Costs			
Project Management	N/A	N/A	$6,500.00
IT Coordination and Infrastructure	N/A	N/A	$24,500.00
GRAND TOTAL			**$163,093.50**

Upon acceptance of this proposal, please sign below.

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS   **NWEA**

Signed: _____   Signed: _____

Name: _____   Name: Chris Minnich

Title: _____   Title: President, NWEA (A Division of HMH)