

**Sioux City Community School District
Executive Summary
2021-22 Security Assessment
August 9, 2021**

Purpose:

To request Board approval of the contract with ProCircular of Coralville, Iowa for \$53,000 for a single engagement Security Assessment.

Explanation:

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The advent of COVID forced school districts to pivot to multiple models of learning of which the District engaged in all three: Face-to-face, hybrid and remote learning. The increase in remote access has been an opportunity for bad actors to take advantage and the disruption in learning is more significant in the hybrid and remote learning models. A security assessment using proven security frameworks can identify vulnerabilities and demonstrate due diligence of the District to protect students, teachers and staff. We sent RFPs to 9 different organizations and received 5 responses. Two of the responses were for free assessments that were not as thorough. We are recommending ProCircular which was between the other two vendors in price. The primary reason for selecting ProCircular was the technically strong response to the RFP questions and very strong references (including several other Iowa UEN districts who had used them).

Focus 2022 Goal Area:

Goal 2: Provide Safe, Healthy, and Supportive Learning Environments

Goal 4: Practice Effective, Efficient, and Sustainable Business Practices

Impact on Student Achievement:

COVID has required the District to offer multiple models that have increased the vulnerability footprint of the District. Attacks (successful or not) disrupt student learning and need to be prevented to maintain and improve student achievement.

Funding Source:

ESSER III Fund

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