

**Office of Finance
Division of Procurement
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NOTICE TO OFFERORS

**The following are questions and answers regarding
RFP# 4999.1 Accelerate Language Development for Middle School Newcomers**

NUMBER	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	<p>Could you please clarify requirement b in the Scope of Services on p.2: <i>Proposal for the organization, infrastructure, and timeline for one or more local technology challenges, competitions, or other formats to engage school-based teams, open to all middle schools in MCPS, each school year.</i></p> <p>We want to make sure we understand the needs of this requirement and what type of information you desire.</p>	<p>This language is removed from the RFP as stated in Erratum 1 issued on June 10, 2024.</p>
2	<p>Could you please provide an approximate number of MCPS middle school teachers who would be served by our professional development, and whether you have any support personnel who would be included in the training?</p>	<p>Approximately 160 English Language Development Teachers</p>
3	<p>Could you provide an approximate number of MCPS middle school newcomer students for whom you wish to provide services?</p>	<p>We don't have a set number but it would likely not exceed 1,000 students.</p>
4	<p>Is MCPS interested in reviewing a 8-week Newcomer program? If yes, will a partial WIDA/CCSS alignment be sufficient?</p>	<p>We would consider it if it is an appropriate match or can meet the needs of a subset of our students. We would want complete alignment to WIDA ELD standards.</p>
5	<p>Can you provide additional information/clarification around these requirements?</p> <p>Section 3.0 Scope of Services, 3.1(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for the organization, infrastructure, and timeline for one or more local technology challenges, competitions, or other formats to engage school-based teams, open to all middle schools in MCPS, each school year. 	<p>This language is removed from the RFP as stated in Erratum 1 issued on June 10, 2024.</p>

6	<p>3.1 Technical Requirements and Vendor Experience, #5.: Examples of similarly completed projects, or projects in progress, that demonstrate the Respondent’s expertise and capabilities in each of the above-listed areas. Examples might include, for example, detailed descriptions supported by screenshots, references, websites or apps for MCPS review.</p>	<p>This language is removed from the RFP as stated in Erratum 1 issued on June 10, 2024.</p>
7	<p>Is this for implementation in the fall of 2024?</p>	<p>No, but would consider for spring of 2025</p>
8	<p>When will a decision be made?</p>	<p>We will follow the RFP timeline. The goal is to evaluate the submissions and make a decision. Once a decision is made it would have to be approved by the Board of Education and we would have to follow our internal timeline to get to the board meeting.</p>
9	<p>Approximately, how many Newcomers were enrolled in the middle schools in 23-24?</p>	<p>This language is removed from the RFP as stated in Erratum 1 issued on June 10, 2024.</p>
10	<p>What instructional model is used with newcomers in the middle schools?</p>	<p>Newcomers are serviced in content courses and they have an ELD course as part of their schedule.</p>
11	<p>What is the average amount of time before students move from WIDA 1 to WIDA 2?</p>	<p>Please refer to research on this matter. Every student is different and language acquisition is nuanced.</p>
12	<p>In the scope of services 3.1.b, are you asking that the vendor create a local technology challenge for all middle schools? 1. If yes, would this be for multilingual students only? 2. If yes, can you provide an example of what you have in mind or what you have seen successfully done?</p>	<p>This language is removed from the RFP as stated in Erratum 1 issued on June 10, 2024.</p>

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 Name and Title

Company Name: _____