

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023

**ITEM: RENEWAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT WITH FULCRUM
MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, INC. (THOUGHTEXCHANGE™)
FOR 2023-24**

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TYPE OF ITEM: CONSENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve the renewal of the Amendment #2 to Contract with Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. (“ThoughtExchange”) for 2023–24.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ThoughtExchange™ was used by AUSD for the last three years to effectively survey staff, students, and the parent/guardian community to collect input regarding priorities for the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and how to best use one-time pandemic funding. The platform was user-friendly and helped elevate all voices among those who participated.

DETAILS:

ThoughtExchange has been upgraded to offer a complete menu of survey functions, including useful data analysis features that allow responses to be separated by subgroups. A single survey can now determine not only an issue, but also potential solutions through branching features that allow participants to specify through short answers what is needed if they perceive a problem. As we develop a new LCAP this year, these survey functions will help determine the highest priorities of our community, and highlight potentially different priorities most important to staff, parents/guardians, and students. The District is also interested in smaller, targeted surveys in several areas.

AUSD would like to continue our use of ThoughtExchange this year, both within the parent/guardian community and among staff and students. This software tool is unique in its ability to collect input, quickly analyze data, and elevate voices equitably.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: \$15,120

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together.* **Goal:** *All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the renewal of Amendment #2 to Contract with Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. (“ThoughtExchange”) for 2023–24