



July 20, 2022

Tyisha Walker-Myers
President, Board of Aldermen
City of New Haven
165 Church St, 2nd Floor
New Haven, CT 06520

Re: NHBOE – 3-Year Software Agreement (SchoolMint)

Dear Ms. Walker-Meyers,

I respectfully submit the enclosed submission requesting the approval of the Board of Alders for a three-year Agreement Between the New Haven Board of Education and SchoolMint. As this is a multi-year contract, the approval of the Board of Alders is required.

New Haven Public Schools proudly offers a range of school choice options to its school-age residents via our school choice lottery. For the past several years this process has been managed via an electronic software, SmartChoice. New Haven Public Schools has been notified that the current SmartChoice product will no longer be supported by the vendor after June 30, 2022. The product has reached its shelf life and New Haven Public Schools will need to invest in a new lottery software product beginning with the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The Agreement is for three years and covers July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The three-year agreement generously waives a \$21,000 associated implementation fee. The cost of the product by year with all associated fees is stated in the enclosed proposal. As well, the vendor has pledged their commitment to collaborate with New Haven Public Schools and ensure that we are able to customize necessary lottery logic and process steps in their software.

As Director of School Choice & Enrollment, I am confident that this school lottery management software will help efficiently support school choice efforts in New Haven public schools, enhance the end-user experience for parents and allow for continued process improvement. I look forward to the Alders' prompt approval of the Agreement.

Thank you again for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Marquelle Middleton
Director of Choice & Enrollment Office