# SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Human Resources



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Karen Reed, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**DATE:** December 13, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Renewal of SofterWare (EZ-CARE2) Childcare Management Software

## **Background**

South Pasadena Unified School District's Extended Day Program (EDP) has been in existence for approximately 15 years. EDP was created to provide parents with quality, on-site childcare services at an affordable price. The program provides after school support to approximately 470 SPUSD students enrolled at the three elementary school sites and South Pasadena Middle School.

### **Discussion**

SofterWare's EZ-CARE2 child care management software provides a complete childcare software solution for managing any type of preschool or school-age program. All features work together to save time and increase the efficiency and professionalism of the program.

EZ-CARE2 is a web-based program which automates a large portion of the EDP administration. A parent portal allows parents to pay via credit card or set up an automatic debit feature that withdraws fees on an on-going basis, thereby reducing the amount of time spent collecting late payments/fees. This feature has greatly reduced time spent on tracking payments as well as increasing the percentage of "on-time" payments. The program is also being used for on-line registration.

### Recommendation

Karen Reed, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, recommends that the Board of Education approve the renewal agreement with SofterWare's EZ-Care 2 Childcare Management Software to support the operations of the Extended Day Program. The renewal extends from January 3, 2017 through January 2, 2018 at a cost to the District of \$3,648.00.