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Edgenuity Product Information and Reviews: Comprehensive online curriculum for blended learning settings

Here's what they have concluded:

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**Subject:** Re: change to transparency report

JoAnn: very interesting article. I noticed The Controversial Company ERDI comes up. While these Supts get a consulting fee and free trip- I presume they are still paid their school salary ( via vacation days) while Consulting for ERDI.

Of course Ethics now seems to be what your definition of Ethics is. Thankfully we have some school board members who will be joined by some newly elected ones that will come to understand what this situation entails including the names of other Companies involved in this type of shadiness and exert the proper oversight as other school boards have done.

I find that the entire BC school board not being fully informed about this consultant work just another incident of malfeasance, and skirting ethics.

Lyn

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Fran: this program was obviously adopted under the former Supt. It's time for revaluation now that it's been in actual use for a while and the negatives seem to outweigh any positives. With the obvious stated cheating opportunities- common sense dictates a serious investigation as to the real producing effective outcomes of these end results. If easy cheating is involved than that is very disconcerting.

Time for Dr. Berg to get involved, in my opinion.

Thanks for raising awareness of this situation.

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On Sep 17, 2018, at 10:14 AM, Stern Allan <Spiker149@hargray.com  
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The Board of Education should be all over this. Not necessarily the money, which is bad enough, but the fact that Edgenuity is a lousy program that, instead of teaching the kids, is actually hurting them. What idiot picked this in the first place?

Al

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I have attached items from the July 2017 and 2018 Transparency Reports because since there is a change in information being reported. Instead of listing amounts paid by individual sources to one vendor and then showing the total amount of the check, the total is now omitted. The 2017 reports a total of \$210,385.00 paid to Edgenuity while the 2018 report shows no total. The total for check #220844, dated 7/2018 should be shown as \$218,889.96.

The totals are missing for all checks with multiple transaction numbers throughout the report not just this one. Is there a reason for making this change? It is not complete or as transparent. Do you plan on publishing a corrected report and going back to the previous format?

There was a charge on the 2017 report for:  
7/28/2017 EDGENUITY INC EDGENUITY LICENSES - 3RD YEAR  
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There isn't a similar charge in 2018. Was the above charge to the district office an error? Why would the district office need an Edgenuity license in 2017 and not in 2018?

In addition, I am referring you to this website in regard to Edgenuity: <https://www.sitejabber.com/reviews/learn.education2020.com>  
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The reviews are troubling. Here are some of the latest comments from a teacher, a mother and a student:

“Edgenuity, a students perspective.”

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“Edgenuity is a good program, if you want your students to be brainless idiots. The program causes many students to cheat on quizzes, tests, and exams that the program offers, if the teachers aren't watching the students like a hawk, students will open a new tab, and search up answers on "Quizlet" or, "Brainly", or many other sites, instead of being intrigued by the information they are receiving, they sit around on their phones, or playing simple .io games on the web browsers. Where as in a regular classrooms, students can be more interested in what they're learning and actually pay attention to what the instructor is teaching, the teachers have personalities that some, or most students could like, teachers can be witty and funny, but still get their job done, where as the teachers on edgenuity are professional, and you don't get to meet them or talk to them when you have questions. My teachers hardly help me with edgenuity if I ever have questions because they themselves are at a loss of what I am saying. They just say, "Go take notes, watch the videos, pay attention!" How is that supposed to help me when I have a question needing an answer? Edgenuity causes students to not learn, but cheat and lie, it does not help us as students. If there were precautions to prevent cheating, for example, on a test you could block tabs from being open, or only allow one tab open at a time, it would help everyone and prevent cheating. Have phones taken away for tests. Other than the teaching being bad, the cheating and lying, and deceit, the program being boring, Edgenuity is O.K.”

“Mothers Review”

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I home schooled my 3 kids for years and over the years we have used several different computer/online programs. This one is the worst school I have seen yet!

The links are broken and don't work with Microsoft computers or EDGE. Because of that my kids were unable to work on the ridiculous amount of writing assignments and we had to switch to Internet Explore and have unfiltered internet on their computers at school and at home. Not being able to protect our family is really something the school needs to fix. Oh and calling the service line was another huge waste of time. They fixed nothing even though they said the problem was their top priority. 6 months of this and they never fixed it!

The waste of time having to sit and watch hundreds of boring, low volume, repeating videos. I have never seen my kids sit so long at their computers wasting their time! I also found out the videos are outdated, by 10 years! English has changed in 10 years and the amount of propaganda seeing coming through the videos is outrageous. Teach English not moral philosophy please! I am beyond frustrated with this whole process, watching my teens have to stay up until 3 am at times, And believe me they were all crying at some point in this program. They spent more time on this school then all 5 of their in school classes!!! It is a waste of taxpayer money, time and resources. A filler at best to fill a need, but a complete waste!

And finally, this from a teacher which, if accurate, is alarming:

"A Teacher Review of Edgenuity"

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"I have never seen more cheating and less knowledge being gained in a subject than I have with Edgenuity. The school I teach in uses this program. It is their version of an online "school". Students will copy and paste questions online to find the answers. If they Google Edgenuity answers, they will also find the answers to test and quiz questions. The program does not have multiple tests or quizzes. It has used the same ones for all students for over a half a decade. Finding answers to tests is easy. It is especially easy to find multiple choice answers. To make matters worse, the online grading will automatically give students 100% for answers that are completely wrong in essays or fill in the blanks. As long as something is typed (jdhdudjdhdjskdhej as an example), or uses one word that relates to the topic (like copying and pasting the exact question being asked) the Edgenuity system will mark 100% on the assignment. Students that are in the online program because they have failed the course previously in a classroom. They now come out with a credit (recovered) with B's and A's but literally know nothing about the topic. These students then get the credit (not the knowledge) needed to obtain the diploma or to advance to the next grade. Edgenuity, programs like it, and the school districts that use then are lowering the value of a high school diploma and sending kids out into the world with the wrong set of values.

So why do districts use this program? It's called federal and state funding. Getting more students to graduate means more money for the district. It's almost a forced position due to regulations that tie funds to academic tests that don't take into account student difficulties, such as drug use, absent parents or illnesses which are all too prevalent in today's world. Students are not immune to the affects of poverty and the heroin/opoid epidemic.

Students should be angered at the way their education is being cheated. I know I am."

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Sent from my iPad

On Sep 17, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Marilyn Bullard <bullardpiwko@aol.com  
<mailto:bullardpiwko@aol.com> > wrote:

Fran: this program was obviously adopted under the former Supt. It's time for reevaluation now that it's been in actual use for a while and the negatives seem to outweigh any positives. With the obvious stated cheating opportunities- common sense dictates a serious investigation as to the real producing effective outcomes of these end results. If easy cheating is involved than that is very disconcerting.

Time for Dr. Berg to get involved, in my opinion.  
Thanks for raising awareness of this situation.  
Lyn Piwko Bullard

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2018, at 10:14 AM, Stern Allan <Spiker149@hargray.com  
<mailto:Spiker149@hargray.com> > wrote:

The Board of Education should be all over this. Not necessarily the money, which is bad enough, but the fact that Edgenuity is a lousy program that, instead of teaching the kids, is actually hurting them. What idiot picked this in the first place?

Al

On Sep 17, 2018, at 9:53 AM, fran bisi <eyelandart@yahoo.com  
<mailto:eyelandart@yahoo.com> > wrote:

I have attached items from the July 2017 and 2018 Transparency Reports because since there is a change in information being reported. Instead of listing amounts paid by individual sources to one vendor and then showing the total amount of the check, the total is now omitted. The 2017 reports a total of \$210,385.00 paid to Edgenuity while the 2018 report shows no total. The total for check #220844, dated 7/2018 should be shown as \$218,889.96.

The totals are missing for all checks with multiple transaction numbers throughout the report not just this one. Is there a reason for making this change? It is not complete or as transparent. Do you plan on publishing a corrected report and going back to the previous format?

There was a charge on the 2017 report for:  
7/28/2017 EDGENUITY INC EDGENUITY LICENSES - 3RD YEAR 203243  
\$14,025.67 10011401-534500-50019 GENERAL FUND DISTRICT OFFICE

There isn't a similar charge in 2018. Was the above charge to the district office an error? Why would the district office need an Edgenuity license in 2017 and not in 2018?

In addition, I am referring you to this website in regard to Edgenuity:  
<https://www.sitejabber.com/reviews/learn.education2020.com>  
<<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.sitejabber.com%2freviews%2flearn.education2020.com&c=E,1,scasKS3SkSuWTicbETrm-ISc4A26j53UScYihNYap9wFr7L8Q7JZrxhEWI0T7TWIz1H-UTFhOh8oUoPWmPh5FdAIEF2w9mPm-cTrNQBpmRxQPZ3jca1KC14,&typo=1>>

The reviews are troubling. Here are some of the latest comments from a teacher, a mother and a student:

"Edgenuity, a students perspective."  
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"Edgenuity is a good program, if you want your students to be brainless idiots. The program causes many students to cheat on quizzes, tests, and exams that the program offers, if the teachers aren't watching the students like a hawk, students will open a new tab, and search up answers on "Quizlet" or, "Brainly", or many other sites, instead of being intrigued by the information they are receiving, they sit around on their phones, or playing simple .io games on the web browsers. Where as in a regular classrooms, students can be more interested in what they're learning and actually pay attention to what the instructor is teaching, the teachers have personalities that some, or most students could like, teachers can be witty and funny, but still get their job done, where as the teachers on edgenuity are professional, and you don't get to meet them or talk to them when you have questions. My teachers hardly help me with edgenuity if I ever have questions because they themselves are at a loss of what I am saying. They just say, "Go take notes, watch the videos, pay attention!" How is that supposed to help me when I have a question needing an answer? Edgenuity causes students to not learn, but cheat and lie, it does not help us as students. If there were precautions to prevent cheating, for example, on a test you could block tabs from being open, or only allow one tab open at a time, it would help everyone and prevent cheating. Have

phones taken away for tests. Other than the teaching being bad, the cheating and lying, and deceit, the program being boring, Edgenuity is O.K.”

#### “Mothers Review”

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7/26/18

I home schooled my 3 kids for years and over the years we have used several different computer/online programs. This one is the worst school I have seen yet!

The links are broken and don't work with Microsoft computers or EDGE. Because of that my kids were unable to work on the ridiculous amount of writing assignments and we had to switch to Internet Explore and have unfiltered internet on their computers at school and at home. Not being able to protect our family is really something the school needs to fix. Oh and calling the service line was another huge waste of time. They fixed nothing even though they said the problem was their top priority. 6 months of this and they never fixed it!

The waste of time having to sit and watch hundreds of boring, low volume, repeating videos. I have never seen my kids sit so long at their computers wasting their time! I also found out the videos are outdated, by 10 years! English has changed in 10 years and the amount of propaganda seeing coming through the videos is outrageous. Teach English not moral philosophy please! I am beyond frustrated with this whole process, watching my teens have to stay up until 3 am at times, And believe me they were all crying at some point in this program. They spent more time on this school then all 5 of their in school classes!!! It is a waste of taxpayer money, time and resources. A filler at best to fill a need, but a complete waste!

And finally, this from a teacher which, if accurate, is alarming:

#### “A Teacher Review of Edgenuity”

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8/3/18

"I have never seen more cheating and less knowledge being gained in a subject than I have with Edgenuity. The school I teach in uses this program. It is their version of an online "school". Students will copy and paste questions online to find the answers. If they Google Edgenuity answers, they will also find the answers to test and quiz questions. The program does not have multiple tests or quizzes. It has used the same ones for all students for over a half a decade. Finding answers to tests is easy. It is especially easy to find multiple choice answers. To make matters worse, the online grading will automatically give students 100% for answers that are completely wrong in essays or fill in the blanks. As long as something is typed (jdhdudjdhdjskdhej as an example), or uses one word that relates to the topic (like copying and pasting the exact question being asked) the Edgenuity system will mark 100% on the assignment. Students that are in the online program because they have failed the course previously in a classroom. They now come out with a credit (recovered) with B's and A's but literally know nothing about the topic. These students then get the credit (not the knowledge) needed to obtain the diploma or to advance to the next grade. Edgenuity, programs like it, and the school districts that use then are lowering the value of a high school diploma and sending kids out into the world with the wrong set of values.

So why do districts use this program? It's called federal and state funding. Getting more students to graduate means more money for the district. It's almost a forced position due to regulations that tie funds to academic tests that don't take into account student difficulties, such as drug use, absent parents or illnesses which are all too prevalent in today's world. Students are not immune to the affects of poverty and the heroin/opoid epidemic.

Students should be angered at the way their education is being cheated. I know I am."

A review of Edgenuity can be found at Edgenuity - Product Reviews - EdSurge  
<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.edsurge.com%2fproduct-reviews%2fedgenuity&c=E,1,gkl1VrQFW-GWwru06o4PvN2J1VRzytiry-fyadn9oL9glJJG-XIpsn95wt56pTSvVjzsl\\_ywRTbhi9FJBHCoEm\\_6HUdD2W\\_ploLcOyp6UIBs5bMzSIPyHVm&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.edsurge.com%2fproduct-reviews%2fedgenuity&c=E,1,gkl1VrQFW-GWwru06o4PvN2J1VRzytiry-fyadn9oL9glJJG-XIpsn95wt56pTSvVjzsl_ywRTbhi9FJBHCoEm_6HUdD2W_ploLcOyp6UIBs5bMzSIPyHVm&typo=1)>

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Edgenuity - Product Reviews - EdSurge

Edgenuity Product Information and Reviews: Comprehensive online curriculum for blended learning settings

Here's what they have concluded:  
RESEARCH

Independent research group EdReports conducted a study  
<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.edreports.org%2freports%2fgrade-level%2findex.html%3ftitle%3dedgenuity%26keyword%3d%26grade\\_id%3d%26publisher\\_id%3d%26isbn%3d%26order\\_by%3dreport\\_date&c=E,1,aQcvqQ8RqXu1GrUH\\_NLVzVlqDWwTsVWqETsPS6qlezzS3EiimN9jV6rvufzoMYwd7u3J5saMhh\\_39azrmWGfnvvuEJWUfWV5qhCUChE95xHgJXzKRTt0YixxrDc,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.edreports.org%2freports%2fgrade-level%2findex.html%3ftitle%3dedgenuity%26keyword%3d%26grade_id%3d%26publisher_id%3d%26isbn%3d%26order_by%3dreport_date&c=E,1,aQcvqQ8RqXu1GrUH_NLVzVlqDWwTsVWqETsPS6qlezzS3EiimN9jV6rvufzoMYwd7u3J5saMhh_39azrmWGfnvvuEJWUfWV5qhCUChE95xHgJXzKRTt0YixxrDc,&typo=1)> of Edgenuity's sixth to eighth-grade math curriculum. The study found that the curriculum "does not meet expectations" for alignment to Common Core State Standards. In their response to the review, Edgenuity  
<[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.edreports.org%2ffiles%2fseries%2fpublisher-response%2fEdgenuity-Response-to-Review.pdf&c=E,1,QpjE-efue\\_okiGAvv2gtFwrzDA5k8-dkbcr0Uzl6NJzfQbWjaaOWnNutPDfUJLWR6J3HAMD74I1ZXBDZLH66btd6xQPAaB83TJ\\_noHS62NOOqGNh&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.edreports.org%2ffiles%2fseries%2fpublisher-response%2fEdgenuity-Response-to-Review.pdf&c=E,1,QpjE-efue_okiGAvv2gtFwrzDA5k8-dkbcr0Uzl6NJzfQbWjaaOWnNutPDfUJLWR6J3HAMD74I1ZXBDZLH66btd6xQPAaB83TJ_noHS62NOOqGNh&typo=1)> cites misunderstanding of their blended learning format as problematic and points out that 10 states have approved their curriculum for online learning.

To Alice Walton/Bonnie Almond: It appears that this software has been in use for at least 3 yrs. When was it last evaluated? Do board members have copies of the evaluation? Have teachers who use this software ever been asked what they think about it?

fran bisi

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**From:** Parlagreco, Ashley <Ashley.Parlagreco@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:19 AM  
**To:** Dowling, John R  
**Subject:** FW: Response to Notice of Reprimand  
**Attachments:** Response to Reprimand.pdf

SEE BELOW

Ashley Parlagreco

Bluffton High School

Resource Teacher

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Ashley.parlagreco@beaufort.k12.sc.us

From: Parlagreco, Ashley  
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:19 AM  
To: Walton, Alice W <Alice.Walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Mrs. Walton,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me this morning. I appreciate the time you spent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] This e-mail will recaps those reasons, which are explained in further detail in the attached response I sent last school year.



Ashley,

I remember this now. Let's schedule an appointment to discuss this. I can meet you at school or if you would feel more comfortable coming to my office, you can do that. Let me know.

Best Regards,

Alice W. Walton

Chief Administrative and Human Resource Officer

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From: Parlagreco, Ashley

Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 6:27 PM

To: Walton, Alice W <Alice.Walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

<mailto:Alice.Walton@beaufort.k12.sc.us> >

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Just a quick reminder of our last encounter and why I was hesitant to contact you.

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Since last fall, I have come to realize I am dedicated to the teaching profession because of the opportunity I have to positively impact the lives of my students, and I can not allow the words and actions of others to bring me down mentally or emotionally.

I am a very dedicated and passionate mother and teacher and I only want what is best for both my students and my own children.

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From: Parlagreco, Ashley

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017, 4:37 PM

Subject: [REDACTED]

To: Moss, Jeffrey C

Cc: john@laughlinandbowen.com <mailto:john@laughlinandbowen.com> , Davis, Drew H, Walton, Alice W, Garison, Denise

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**From:** info@windrunnerstables.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 1:48 PM  
**To:** Orischak, Josephine A  
**Subject:** Re: Correction: Edgenuity Term 2018-2021

What happened to ... "I work 24/7"?

How can a superintendent not be held accountable for authorizing hundred of thousands, if not millions of dollars spent yearly, and not require verification/validation of effectiveness from any vendor's product?

Where does the buck stop???? .....

\$280k to effectively organize a yearly fund raising golf tournament, please tell me he did more than that!

Tony Cambria

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

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**From:** Orischak, Josephine A

**Date:** Tue, Sep 18, 2018 1:04 PM

**To:** Marilyn Bullard;

**Cc:** Stern Allan;fran bisi;Crosby, Tonya V;Walton, Alice W;Berg, Herbert M;Almond, Bonnie N;Dunkle, Joseph R;Payne, Wilbur M;Gwozdz, Christina S;Striebinger, David R;Cordray, Mary M;Kinton, Geraldine C;Dowling, John R;Maggie Angst;Thenerve.org

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**Subject:**Correction: Edgenuity Term 2018-2021 <tel:2018-2021>

All,

Perhaps most important to this conversation is BCSD EdTech software program purchases are exempt from the usual purchasing protocols. The previous superintendent, Dr. Moss, washed his hands of all EdTech purchases by stating the CISO selects these programs. At which point, the head of Procurement proceeds from there. That leaves the BCSD CISO and Procurement head with an awful lot of power/freedom regarding the \$millions on educational software each year.

Meanwhile, as we debate the efficacy of only ONE BCSD EdTech program and its \$600k price tag, our most at-risk alternative school can't afford an SRO.

(I've attached our Procurement Code. Please see EXEMPTIONS, starting at the bottom of page 14.)

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**From:** Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:00 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Christine T  
**Cc:** joannorischak@hotmail.com; Berg, Herbert M; Chauhan, Mark H  
**Subject:** Technology Plan Outcomes  
**Attachments:** BCSD Tech Plan 2016-2019.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hi Chrissy,

I had the opportunity recently to watch the May 21, 2013 Board meeting where Dereck Rhoads, Ross Hendricks (previous head of Technology), and you presented on our BCSD technology plan. At this time, Dr. Jackie Rosswurm was serving as our interim superintendent, but Dr. Moss was present in the audience. According to Dr. Moss' employment contract, Dr. Moss was at that time a paid consultant by the BCSD as he was transitioning into his role as superintendent.

During the May 21, 2013 meeting, the Board was asked to transfer \$417K from funds earmarked for iPad repairs to be used for iPad purchases instead. Chrissy and Ross delivered an excellent, comprehensive presentation on our rather significant iPad pilot launched by previous superintendent, Dr. Valerie Truesdale. Our then chairman, Bill Evans, asked how we might measure the success of our pilot program. You and Ross presented initial thoughts on how to best do that. I would encourage all to watch this portion of the meeting, as it provides background into the start of our technology expansion.

Attached is the BCSD 2016-2019 Technology Plan found on our BCSD website.

Question: Do you have a copy for review with the outcomes columns filled in?

Sincerely,

JoAnn Orischak  
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