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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES  
Township of Union Public Schools  
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TO: Greg Tatum  
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FROM: Joseph Seugling  
RE: Board Agenda  
DATE: 2020-04-24

Approve the use of Don Johnston online learning programs for use by district staff, students, and families. These online programs include Co:Writer, Snap&Read, uPar, Quizbot and Wordbank. The anticipated cost to the district is \$0.00. The Don Johnston company is providing free access to selected programs for the remainder of the school year.

<https://learningtools.donjohnston.com/product/>

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### **Snap&Read™**

Snap&Read is the Next-Generation reading tool for Google Chrome, iPad and more, that can cover the most diverse reading needs. It reads both accessible and inaccessible text aloud, it levels vocabulary, and it translates, delivering usage data to teachers who then can more easily assess students' reading needs individually.

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### **Co:Writer®**

Co:Writer Universal (for Google Chrome and iOS) uses grammar- and vocabulary-smart word prediction, translation support, and speech recognition to help unstick ideas and get them to flow in writing.

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### **uPAR™**

With reading, some students decode well enough to understand text, others understand better when listening to content read aloud. uPAR give you data that shows the way each student learns best—and the specific level of text that can be understood by each student when listening (with a reading accommodation) compared to independent reading.

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### **Quizbot™**

Build quizzes automatically from any text with one click. Automatic scoring through Google Forms shows instantly what is being comprehended.

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### **Word Bank™**

Instantly create and use word banks for writing, vocabulary, spelling, comprehension, and recall. The key vocabulary of the website you are on will instantly be made into a word bank. Or... simply search over 5+ million topics to extract and create a word bank of that topic's core vocabulary.