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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
John Langton, Interim Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: April 14, 2025
Topic: K-6 Science Curriculum Resource Purchase Recommendation

BACKGROUND

Benjamin School District 25 is following a curriculum resource adoption rotation cycle. The cycle follows the process of spending one year researching, piloting and adopting the resource followed by the next year focused on training and implementation of that same resource.

SUMMARY

Our science curriculum resource in Kindergarten-4th grade is a combination of Project Lead the Way Units, old science books and teacher created units. 5th and 6th grade teachers have been using Savvas as their main curriculum resource for the past ten years. Adopting one main resource in Kindergarten-6th grade will ensure a consistent experience for all students, coverage of the NGSS science standards and an increase in student engagement through hands-on learning. Using the adoption process detailed in my February Learning and Teaching Report, the science committee agreed that Savvas was the best resource choice for our students.

The recommended purchase will include six years of digital licenses and physical workbooks for every student in kindergarten through sixth grade, teacher electronic resources, physical teacher guides and a one year supply of science lab materials for each teacher. Also included is steps one and two of the professional development training for all teachers.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of Savvas Science Resources at the cost not to exceed \$120,950.96.