



Board of Trustees Agenda Item Information Form

Date Submitted: July 14, 2025

Meeting Type

- ☒ Regular Meeting
☐ Special Meeting/Workshop

Agenda Placement

- ☐ Public Hearing
☐ Executive Session
☐ Recognition
☐ Program Spotlight
☐ Community Input

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Agenda Placement

- ☐ Administrative Report
☒ Consent Agenda
☐ Action Item
☐ Information/Discussion

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Meeting Date: July 28, 2025

District Strategies (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Students and staff will thrive in a secure environment, build connections and community, and become resilient leaders.
☒ Each student will engage in world-class learning experiences that foster curiosity, develop talents, guide exploration, and fuel achievement.
☐ We will cultivate innovation through strategic collaboration and responsive organizational stewardship.

Subject:

Consider Approval of Expenditures with ILA-TIPS Vendor Newsela, Inc.

Background:

Clear Creek Independent School District has been awarded a social studies grant to support instructional resources across intermediate campuses. As part of this initiative, we are recommending the purchase of a two-year subscription to Newsela, Inc. in the amount of \$270,500, covering access through June 30, 2027. Newsela is a trusted online platform that provides a robust library of authentic high-quality content including primary sources, historical speeches, biographies, current events, historical fiction, multimedia, and more. All materials are aligned to state social studies standards and are designed to support differentiated instruction across multiple reading levels. Newsela is available through ILA-TIPS of which we are a member. It is the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning and the Director of Purchasing that the Board approve expenditures with Newsela, Inc., through the ILA-TIPS cooperative, for a total expenditure of \$270,500.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Cost: \$270,500.00

- ☒ Recurring
☐ One-Time

Funding Source:

- ☒ General Fund
☒ Grant Fund TEA Grant
☐ Other Funds (specify)

Fiscal Year: 2024 / 2025

Amendment Required: N/A

☐ Bond Funds (program year): N/A

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Trustees approve an authorization of expenditures with ILA-TIPS vendor Newsela, Inc. in the amount of \$270,500.

Department Submitting Form: Purchasing

Cabinet Member's Approval: Alice Benzaia