

Denton Independent School District
PreK Curriculum Purchase
February 9, 2021

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quote from Savvas Learning Company LLC in the amount of \$369,360.00 for the Three Cheers for Pre-K/ Uno, dos, tres Prekinder! for Texas PreK curriculum.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of District resources
Teaching & Learning – Establish high expectations with a curriculum fostering inquiry, critical thinking, civic responsibility, and exemplary citizenship

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board approved the state adopted DLM PreK curriculum that our teachers began implementing in 2011.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Denton ISD PreK curriculum writing team began reviewing the Proclamation 2021 Pre-Adoption samples in September. We narrowed the choices to the top three publishers who provide both English and Spanish Prekindergarten Systems. Vendor samples of the three products were received and reviewed. The two most comprehensive systems were then placed at the District's early childhood campuses for review and comment on the materials by Denton ISD PreK families and teachers. In mid-November, a multi-departmental District steering committee analyzed the two choices. All committee members agreed that the Savvas package, which includes both an eight (8) year digital courseware license and an eight (8) year ReadyRosie digital access best met the needs of our Denton ISD PreK programs, including Head Start, ECSE and Bilingual education. Savvas Publishing and the PreK team consulted with Digital Learning and Information Systems representatives to discuss implementation of the digital resources. The PreK team attended the Proclamation 2021 Education Service Center showcase in December.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

It is imperative that we purchase new high quality PreK curriculum for our teachers and students. The curriculum we are currently using is more than ten years old. Savvas' Three Cheers for PreK has an excellent digital learning component that will accelerate our online instruction efforts. This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne through IMA funds.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow the District to order, receive, and begin staff professional development training to support the Prekindergarten program for the upcoming school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quote from Savvas Learning Company LLC in the amount of \$369,360.00 for the Three Cheers for Pre-K/ Uno, dos, tres Prekinder! for Texas PreK curriculum be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Scott Niven, Chief Financial Officer
Lacey Rainey, Area Superintendent, Academic Programs
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing
Sandy Brown, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____