



memo

To: Board of Education
From: Greg Wolcott, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Date: August 4, 2026
Re: Additional Authorization for Language Power English Language Development Program Materials

We are recommending an additional authorization for the Language Power English Language Development Program to ensure all district multilingual learners have the resources they need to succeed.

Additional Materials Request -- \$54,200 (one-time cost)

After receiving the initial shipment of materials, we believed we were getting enough student editions for all students to have the text in front of them. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough materials to meet this need and will need to order additional copies.

We are asking for additional authorization to purchase \$54,200 worth of materials at a one-time cost. This will ensure every student has the necessary physical text for their instruction.

Rationale and Benefits

- Language Power aligns with the district's Academic Transformation Plan and instructional priorities, supporting improved student outcomes through intentional academic language development across content areas.
- Investing in these additional materials strengthens students' academic and linguistic readiness, preparing MLS students for long-term success in grade-level coursework and future college and career pathways aligned to CCSS expectations.
- Having the physical text in front of students is essential for maximizing the benefits of this high-quality, differentiated instructional material and increasing student engagement.

Money is available in the Teaching and Learning budget to absorb this expense. The \$54,200 one-time investment can be fully accommodated within the district's current budget.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the Board's approval for the additional authorization to purchase \$54,200 worth of Language Power Program materials. I welcome any questions or discussion on this recommendation.