

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 22, 2024

Agenda Item: J.2g

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the the purchase of Open Court Workbooks for Grades Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> – McGraw Hill

Administrator Responsible/Position: Marivel Sedillo, Deputy Superintendent / Chief Academic Officer

**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

☒ Action needed

☐ Information only

☐ Receive input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

☒ Local Policy

☐ Law or Rule

☐ N/A

**C. Goal or Need Addressed:**

The purchase is for student workbooks and online licenses as part of the current K-2 Phonics program, Open Court. This purchase also includes digital licenses for district and campus staff to support the program. SPED staff, Instructional Coaches, campus administrators, etc. use the online platform regularly to support students and teachers as well as monitor program usage in the classroom.

**D. Summary:**

☒ **Previous board action relating to this item** – Board approved McGraw Hill workbook and kit purchase in the summer of 2023

☒ **Future action anticipated** – The usage of these resources is assessed annually and purchased as necessary.

☒ **Background information** – The increased cost this year is for the renewal of the online materials. The district purchased 6-year licenses in the initial onboarding of this program and those licenses expire at the end of the 23/24 School year. The workbooks are an essential piece of our K-2 District-wide phonics program, Open Court.

**E. Scope of Options Reviewed:**

**Quote/Contract Info:** TIPS Contract # 210101 Technology Solutions, Products and Services

**Reasons for rejecting alternatives:** These workbooks and licenses are to support the district's currently adopted phonics program.

**F. Comments Received:**

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ **Other:** C&I and Campuses

**G. Administrative Recommendation:**

The administration recommends approval of the purchase of instructional materials, as presented.

☒ **Advantages/benefits of this proposal:**

- Individual student copies of workbooks for students to practice phonics and handwriting skills
- The decodables allow students to practice decoding what they have learned in Open Court
- Students are able to take the decodables home to continue practicing
- The Open Court workbook is aligned to the explicit, systematic instruction that happens during the Open Court lessons.
- The Open Court phonics curriculum and instructional resources are aligned to the TEA "Science of Teaching Reading" requirements

☒ **Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement:**

- Increased phonics skills, decoding, and encoding
- Gains on universal screener and district assessments

☐ **Possible problems or disadvantages of this proposal:**

☐ **Effect of this action on other parts of the system:**

☒ **Consequences for not approving recommendation:**

- Without the workbooks, students won't have opportunities to practice what they have learned in the phonics and handwriting lessons.
- Without the digital licenses, teachers and staff will lose access to the online portions of the Open Court program and all of the resources within.
- The Open Court workbooks and decodables allow us to have aligned resources for all students in the district.

**H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: Total Amount: \$93,761.51**

☐ **Budget**      ☐ **Bond**      ☐ **Grant/Special Funds**      ☒ **Other: Instructional Materials Allotment**

**Prior Year Spending** – \$123,569.04

**Future/Ongoing** – This procurement will be a recurring cost (annually), as needed. Possible additional teacher kits purchased as needed for growth.

**I. Monitoring and Reporting Time Line:**

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action** – Marivel Sedillo, Derek McDaniel

**Evaluation method and time line** – Usage will be monitored and reviewed by campus administration and C&I.

Campus leadership will be surveyed annually. Campus workbook counts are audited annually and purchases are made as needed to provide workbooks for a 1-to-1 distribution.

**Next report to the board** –

**J. Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Open Court Workbooks for Grades Kinder-2nd from McGraw Hill in the amount of \$93,761.51, as presented