

# HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: April 22, 2024

Agenda Item: J.2f

Board Goal: Student Achievement

Subject: Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of ELlevation TX – Curriculum Associates, LLC

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 purpose of this agenda is to procure digital assessment library from NCS Pearson.

**D. Summary:**

☒ **Previous board action relating to this item** – Approval for this renewal was granted in June, 2019

☐ **Future action anticipated** – Renewal for this platform is expected to continue for the 24-25 school year. We are in the 5th year of a multi-year contract that will end in June, 2024.

☒ **Background information** – ELlevation is a web-based software platform designed for educators of our Emergent Bilingual students and the Emergent Bilingual students they serve. ELlevation Platform and Collaborate will be purchased from the Multilingual Department local funds for \$62,688.00 for the purpose of conducting efficient LPACs and providing staff a platform to provide feedback on ELL student progress, decision making and parent communication. The cost of each program is based on the current Emergent Bilingual student population of 5,224.

ELlevation Strategies will be purchased from the Instructional Materials Allotment for \$70,524.00 for the purpose of providing classroom teachers of EBs an instructional resource. The platform has a variety of professional development options that are on-demand as well as the on-going training that our LPAC/TELPAS Coordinator provides throughout the year.

**E. Scope of Options Reviewed:**

RFP #25-060119JO – Curriculum & Instruction Products, Software, Licenses & Services

Expiration Info: 06/23/2024

**F. Comments Received:**

☒ Cabinet

☐ DLT

☐ FBOC

☐ Teacher Org. Reps.

☒ Other: Special Education

**G. Administrative Recommendation:**

The administration recommends approval of the ELlevation online program for LPAC compliance and instructional strategies.

☐ **Advantages/benefits of this proposal** – The program provides ready-made lesson adaptations/modifications by language levels for content area teachers as well as ensures LPAC compliance for our students identified as Emergent Bilingual students.

☐ **Expected results in terms of student benefit/achievement** - The use of this platform ensures that necessary linguistic adaptations/modifications are being provided to our Emergent Bilingual students.

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

- ☐ **Effect of this action on other parts of the system** – This program works with all curricula and instructional adaptations needed for language/linguistic differentiation.
- ☐ **Consequences of not approving recommendation** - Teachers will find themselves having to research strategies and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) on how to best adapt/modify lessons without consistency across the district, often not providing necessary linguistic modifications necessary for student success. Without the LPAC management system, the district would have to develop its own system resulting in higher short- and long-term costs.

**H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: \$133,212**

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

**Prior Year Spending** – \$100,078.20

**Future/Ongoing** – The ELLevation renewal amount is expected to increase due to student enrollment.

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

**Person responsible for evaluating this decision or action** – Marivel Sedillo, Patricia Melgar-Cook

**Evaluation method and time line** – Teacher/Administration usage reports, LPAC compliance reports: August-July

**Next report to the Board** – Bilingual/ESL Program evaluation due October 2024

**J. Suggested Motion:**

I move that the Hays CISD Board of Trustees approve the purchase of ELLevation TX from Curriculum Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$133,212, as presented.