



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: July 10, 2018 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Three Rivers School District was awarded \$90,000 in a grant to support our ELL program at all schools. This money is targeted for curriculum, professional development, technology, and parent involvement. One of the activities in our plan to support professional development is to have the EL department attend the SIOP I training in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 17-19, 2018. This report is to request out-of-state travel for the three new members of EL Department to attend the training and deepen knowledge of how to support ELL students in grades K-12. Cost for travel, registration, and lodging will be paid for entirely from the ELL grant and budget.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

SIOP, or Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol, is the only researched based model of classroom instruction to support developing students' English language skills. SIOP offers an approach to teaching that helps prepare all students, especially English learners, for college and careers. As a framework for organizing instruction, the SIOP model supports teachers in planning and delivering high-quality instruction for all students. EL staff who attend this training will present the information learned to fellow colleagues through conversations with teachers on how best to support EL students in their classroom and write daily lessons for their students who are emerging in English skills.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Advantages of attending the conference: 1) Completing TRSD proposal to ODE as this training was part of our plan to support EL students in the district. 2) TRSD will have a complete EL staff who are certified and trained in this best-practice instruction 3) EL students in TRSD will receive research-based instruction during weekly lessons.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Disadvantages of not attending the conference include EL staff missing three days of work and students not receiving pull-out instruction for the missed days.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

SIOP training can be taken 'virtually' through a series of courses over a period of time. This virtual option does not allow for interaction with peers to collaborate on implementation ideas and infusing strategies into daily practice.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No