



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: March 21, 2024

TOPIC: Middle School Science Curriculum Adoption – © 2024 Amplify Education, Inc.

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Recommended for:

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

Purpose/Background:

The Board of Education approves all curricular adoptions and contracts.

The Science Committee met throughout the 2023-2024 school year to discuss program implementation. The three middle school science teachers sampled several programs including Amplify Science. The staff responded positively to the structures and materials presented by the Amplify representatives. Teachers feel that Amplify Science would be engaging for students, and it appeared that amount of material was appropriate for each grade level.

Much like the Mystery Science experience that students get as a part of our kindergarten through fifth grade science programming, Amplify Science is a curriculum that blends hands-on investigations, literacy-rich activities, and interactive digital tools to empower students to think, read, write, and argue like real scientists. The learning experiences, lessons, and materials offered by Amplify Science presented as being meaningful and authentic to the topics being explored, and committee members were unanimous in their support of the Amplify program.

In addition to the materials and subscriptions, the team, along with administration, is looking to secure a solid initial professional development plan from Amplify Science. This will include one, full-day initial implementation workshop to be delivered on-site. There is the option of a virtual professional development workshop, but the administration feels that a hands-on, in-person workshop would be the best course of action given the tactile nature of the program.

District Legal Counsel reviewed Amplify's terms and conditions and offered an amendment which Amplify signed without any edits.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of the 6-year adoption will be \$67,710.20 for all materials and professional development. This grant will be paid for using the funds from the Targeted School Improvement grant as this program will be a resource to increase students' access to informational texts.

Recommendation:

The Finance Committee concurs with the Administration's recommendation to the Board of Education to approve this Agreement from Amplify Education for the middle school science curriculum in the amount of \$67,710.20 from the 2024-2025 school year until the 2029-2030 school year.