

Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

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Resource: Melissa Irby
Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA ITEM: Report Out of the Finance and Audit Committee and Consideration of Approval of the Participation in the First Day® Complete Program with Barnes & Noble

DISCUSSION: Barnes & Noble First Day® Complete Program is a course material delivery model that provides all required textbooks, lab manuals, access codes, and digital materials to students prior to the first day of class. The program aims to improve student success by ensuring timely access to all required course materials at a significantly reduced cost through a flat rate of \$23 per credit hour, reducing the average cost that students pay for course materials from \$888 to \$552 per academic year, saving students an estimated \$336. Students are automatically enrolled in the program and may opt out if they choose to purchase course materials independently.

Participation in this program aligns with the College's strategic priorities of increasing student retention, improving academic performance, and reducing financial barriers to educational resources.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: The District President recommends approval of the participation in the First Day® Complete Program with Barnes & Noble.

SUGGESTED MOTION: This item may come as a motion and second out of committee. A suggested motion would be, "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the participation in the First Day® Complete Program with Barnes & Noble."