

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
April 28, 2009

Discussion of Purchase of Curriculum Software

Board Goal: I. Vision...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

b. remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

II. Teaching & Learning...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

b. expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders

d. stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning and leadership

e. advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

Purpose of Report \

The intent of the workshop is to share the critical attributes of a possible curriculum software system that will be purchased with bond money.

Objectives

- To increase the board's knowledge and awareness of *Classworks*, a software solution from Curriculum Advantage
- To share the process used for reviewing *Classworks*
- To demonstrate *Classworks*' capabilities to support student learning, K-8
- To review purchase options

Operational Impact

Classworks can be maintained with current instructional technology personnel and campus leadership/teachers. On-going professional development may require funding in future years if desired or needed. Options are available for various support packages.

Results

Advantages

- Individualizes instruction, specific learning pathways
- Equity is built into the program (for the struggling through advanced learner)
- Robust (access to over 260 software packages)
- Aligned to TEKS

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- Import feature of testing data (e.g. TAKS, or district-level assessments)
- Grade placement/objective placement benchmarking feature
- Automatic reporting at district through teacher level
- Teacher-friendly
- Campus-designed professional learning plan
- Reduces the need for various support expertise across the system
- Web-based

Disadvantages

- Access to computers/ computer labs
- Not is Spanish

Other Options

Continue searching for curriculum software.