Regular Board Meeting

July 21, 2025

AGENDA SECTION: Information Agenda

SUBJECT: Early Literacy Handbook

BOARD POLICY: CH (Local)

STRATEGIC GOAL(S): Goal #1 - Focus on Student Success

FISCAL NOTE: none

PREPARED/PRESENTED BY: Dr. Samual Nix, Chief Academic Officer

Background Information

The Early Literacy Handbook is a district-developed guide designed to ensure all students read on grade level by providing clear, consistent, research-based guidance for foundational literacy instruction in PK–2.

Key goals include:

- Preventative and proactive approaches to developing foundational literacy skills.
- Alignment with state requirements, including HB 3 and HB 1605.
- Support for the use of High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM).
- Clear instructional specifications, including daily minute allocations and recommended practices.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Board approve the district's Early Literacy Handbook as the official framework for PK–2 literacy instruction for the 2025–2026 school year.

Communication Deployment

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Suggested Motion

The Board moves to approve the adoption and implementation of the Early Literacy Handbook for PK–2 literacy instruction for the 2025–2026 school year as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. T. Lamar Goree Superintendent