

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible approval of the grant award from The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries to Kruse Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.

**BACKGROUND:** The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides funds to the nation's neediest schools to extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries. The foundation's goal is to encourage students to enjoy reading and learning.

Kruse Elementary was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$5,000. Kruse Elementary will purchase a curated collection of bilingual and Spanish-language picture books, leveled Spanish readers, culturally authentic nonfiction, and English-language titles that reflect the students' languages, cultures, and experiences while introducing new perspectives. Selections will prioritize authentic voices, classroom-friendly read-alouds, and multiple copies for guided reading groups. Pasadena ISD library procurement procedures will be followed.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Books for the Kruse Elementary Library will be purchased with grant funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend approval of the grant award from The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries to Kruse Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** April 28,2026