

Denton Independent School District
Spanish Intervention Kits Purchase

November 16, 2021

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quote from Okapi Educational Publishing Inc. in the amount of \$127,136.40 for teacher instructional resources.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management - Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources
Teaching & Learning - Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Curriculum Department requested a quote for the purchase of Okapi Spanish Intervention kits to provide instructional resources for dual language elementary teachers. The quote was reviewed by the requesting content areas within the Curriculum Department to ensure items quoted maintained the current District curriculum standard along with item pricing. The quote from Okapi is \$127,136.40. The Curriculum Department requested Okapi resources for guided reading levels N-Z in September. To provide equitable resources in both English and Spanish, the Curriculum Department is requesting levels A-M to support Spanish Interventions on the campuses. The Okapi order in September was \$77,973.60, so the combined Okapi purchase during 2021-2022 is for \$205,110.00.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The teacher instructional resources will provide curriculum items within the content areas of Spanish Language Arts and Reading. These teacher instructional resources will be purchased through the Denton ISD ESSER III Grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) funds.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow for the District to provide needed instructional materials to implement requirements of HB4545 Interventions in Spanish.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quote from Okapi Educational Publishing Inc. in the amount of \$127,136.40 for teacher instructional resources be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Mike Mattingly, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Vicki Garcia, Executive Director of Financial Operations
Sandy Brown, Director of Elementary Curriculum & Instruction
Angela Ricks, Director of Student Support Services
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____