



## Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: May 20, 2021

TOPIC: Second Step Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum 3-Year Subscription

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### **Recommended for:**

- Action
- Discussion
- Information

### **Purpose/Background:**

The Board of Education approves contracts over \$10,000.

Meeting the social-emotional learning (SEL) needs of students is an ongoing District effort, but never more so as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Students may have experienced first-hand the physical, emotional, and economic challenges that have faced many of our families. As the District plans for more students to come back to in-person learning in the fall, we seek to continue to provide an SEL experience that builds common language and strategies for all students. Additionally, for those students who may need more frequent or intensive supports, there would be opportunity to access those District services.

Second Step provides a web-based curriculum that can be implemented consistently from classroom to classroom. The digital format enables continuous improvement based on up-to-date research and feedback. Within the digital program, there are a variety of media, activities, and interactive components that cannot be replicated in the print version.

At the K-5 level, individual lessons center on one of the four themes: *Growth Mindset & Goal Setting, Emotion Management, Empathy & Kindness, and Problem-Solving*. Themes are consistent across each of these grade levels.

In the middle school, the themes become: *Mindsets & Goals, Recognizing Bullying & Harassment, Thoughts, Emotions, & Decisions and Managing Relationships & Social Conflict.*

Teacher-facilitated groups are designed to engage students through activities, discussions, and role play scenarios. Time to explore SEL topics is already embedded within the schedule at all three schools.

District Legal Counsel vetted the License Agreement, Privacy Policy and Terms of Use associated with the subscription. Counsel created an Amendment to address specific issues (law, venue, etc.) that were problematic in the License Agreement document. Second Step does not collect any student data; therefore, Counsel concurred that specific terms related to the *Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA)* were not necessary. The vendor agreed to the changes in the Amendment as presented.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Second Step (Grades K-8) 3-Year License - \$13,724.10

The multi-year subscription represents a 10% savings to the District.

**Recommendation:**

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to approve the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum 3-Year Subscription in the amount of \$13,724.10