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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: March Supplemental Curriculum

PURPOSE: Approve/Deny Request for Student Use

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2025

PREPARED BY: Lynn Paslay

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

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Superintendent Recommendation: I have reviewed all the requests submitted and recommend approving all the items requested.

Supplemental Resources for Board Consideration 4.16.25

	Supplemental Curriculum		
Schools	REQUESTS	Concerns	
HIGH SCHOOL	The Day the Internet Died	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP I LOVE THIS PLAY! I THINK IT IS AN ACCURATE AND FUNNY DEPICTION OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF WE HAD NO INTERNET! APPROVE NO Issues or Concerns NO Issues or Concerns THIS IS WONDERFUL; VERY TIMELY AND RELEVANT. GOOD PICK. LOVE THIS — I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS. NO CONCERNS THIS PLAY LOOKS GREAT! NO CONCERNS AT ALL. 	
MV	SKINNER'S LANDSCAPES— THE BOOK IS AT THE DO FOR VIEWING	 Appropriate for this age group Beautiful pictures! This will let the students see and experience areas they may never see in real life! Approve No Issues or Concerns No Issues or Concerns Although I haven't read this one, I have read the others in their series and they are fine. I trust the teachers to use this as they see fit. No Concerns 	

		NO CONCERNS		
	Supplemental Library Books for Classroom Use			
Schools	REQUEST	Concerns		
K-2	Depyeti Squatch- local Author promoting positive relationships with Law Enforcement- The Book is at the DO for Viewing.	 LOVE THIS. APPROVE ABSOLUTELY! WHAT SCHOOL WANTS THIS? IS THIS A SECTION THAT IS GOING TO BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL, BECAUSE IF IT ISN'T, WHY IS IT ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL CURRICULUM LIST? FROM LISTENING TO ANITA DUPZYK SPEAK AT THE BOARD MEETING ABOUT THIS BOOK, IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE A PUSH FOR A FRIEND'S BOOK AND A NON-PROFIT THAN ACTUAL CURRICULUM THAT WILL BE USED IN CLASS. ALSO, WE HAVE ARMED GUARDS AT SCHOOL AND I WOULD THINK MOST ARE RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT (I KNOW OURS IS). THEY ARE CERTAINLY THE PERFECT PEOPLE TO HELP CREATE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIRST RESPONDERS AND OUR STUDENTS. I DO NOT AGREE TO APPROVAL FOR THIS BOOK AS A SCHOOL IS NOT REQUESTING IT AND IT FEELS MORE LIKE A PUSH FOR SOMEONE'S FRIEND. SINCE NO ONE WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO USE THIS BOOK AND IT IS OVER \$14/copy, I vote to not approve. Unless AND UNTIL SOMEONE WITHIN OUR DISTRICT WANTS AND ASKS, THAN THIS ISN'T AN ITEM THAT SHOULD EVEN BE UP FOR DISCUSSION. AT THAT POINT, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER IT. NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS 		

		I LOVE THIS! I DO THINK THAT CHILDREN NEED TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT REALLY IS THERE TO PROTECT AND SERVE. NO CONCERNS. LOOKS FUN!
HIGH SCHOOL	The Hobbit	 GREAT SELECTION!!! ABSOLUTELY. CLASSIC! GREAT BOOK! A MUST READ. APPROVE EXCELLENT BOOK! I RECOMMEND FOR HIGH SCHOOL. I HAVE READ THIS. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS I HAVE READ THIS BOOK. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS WONDERFUL CLASSIC. HAVE READ AND APPROVE. NO CONCERNS - GREAT BOOK I HAVE READ, NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS. THIS IS A GREAT BOOK. NO CONCERNS. WE NEED MORE CLASSICS LIKE THIS.
HIGH SCHOOL	Into Thin Air	 GREAT SELECTION!!! YES! THIS IS SUCH A GREAT READ FOR THIS AGE! THIS WILL BE HIGHLY ENGAGING FOR STUDENTS. APPROVE I HAVE READ THIS. A REQUIRED READ IN MANY, MANY HIGH SCHOOLS. MY KIDS READ THIS WHEN THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS I HAVE READ THIS BOOK AND IT IS A REQUIRED READ IN MANY HIGH SCHOOLS. MY OWN CHILDREN READ IT WHEN THEY WERE SENIORS. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS

		 Have read, taught for years with no problems. Approve No concerns – great book no concerns No concerns. This is a great book.
HIGH SCHOOL	Jurassic Park	 GREAT SELECTION!!! HIGH INTEREST AND APPROPRIATE. A HIGHLY ENGAGING READ FOR STUDENTS. APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS HAVE READ AND APPROVE OF THIS NOVEL. NO CONCERNS I HAVE READ, NO CONCERNS I'VE NOT READ THIS, BUT I DO LIKE HIS WRITING AND DON'T HAVE CONCERNS.
HIGH SCHOOL	<u>Congo</u>	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP ALSO A HIGHLY ENGAGING BOOK THAT WILL GET STUDENTS READING! APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS HAVE READ AND APPROVE NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS I'VE NOT READ THIS, SAME AS ABOVE.
HIGH SCHOOL	<u>Siddhartha</u>	Appropriate for this age group YEs YEs YEs YEs!

	 BOOKS LIKE THESE ARE IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO BE EXPOSED TO. IT EXPOSES DIFFERENT CULTURES AND HOW THEY SEE THE WORLD. APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS HAVE READ AND APPROVE NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS THIS LOOKS SO INTERESTING. MY ONLY CONCERN IS WHETHER A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE WILL BE PRESENTED. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE POINT OF READING THIS BOOK IS MOST LIKELY STRICTLY LITERATURE; HOWEVER, IT PRESENTS IDEAS ABOUT SELF, SELF—ACTUALIZATION, AND ESSENTIALLY A RELIGION. THERE NEEDS TO BE A PRESENTATION OF THE ONE TRUTH (BIBLICAL), PERHAPS NOT AT THE SAME TIME, BUT IN THE SAME CLASS.
HIGH SCHOOL Gilead	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS HAVE READ AND APPROVE NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THIS, NO OPINION. NO CONCERNS
HIGH SCHOOL One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Appropriate for this age group

		 This is such a classic that needs to be read over and over! Classic a must read. Approve I have read this. No Issues or Concerns. I have read this book. No Issues or Concerns Have read and approve for mature audiences No concerns I would want to read it first before making a recommendation Good book! No concerns
HIGH SCHOOL	Jack London Short Stories	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE CLASSICS BY JACK LONDON. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS CLASSIC JACK LONDON. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS HAVE READ AND APPROVE NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS
HIGH SCHOOL	The Illustrated Man	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE HAVEN'T READ THIS ONE, BUT LOVE RAY BRADBURY! NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS. I HAVE NOT READ THIS BOOK, BUT I HAVE READ MANY OF RAY BRADBURY'S BOOKS AND LOVE THEM. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS

		 HAVE READ AND APPROVE THIS BOOK DOES CONTAIN A LOT OF NEGATIVITY - WOULD HOPE THE TEACHER WILL PRESENT IT AS FICTION AS SOMETIMES NEGATIVE STORIES CAN SPIN A KID THAT'S NOT IN A GOOD PLACE MENTALLY. NO CONCERNS I THINK THIS LOOKS GREAT. NO CONCERNS
HIGH SCHOOL	A Separate Peace	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS THIS HAS BEEN TAUGHT IN EVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN AMERICA FOREVER; HAVE READ AND APPROVE. NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THIS TO GIVE AN OPINION. IF THIS EDITION INCLUDES THE AFTERWARD BY DAVID LEVITHAN THEN I RECOMMEND AGAINST. THAT AFTERWARD ATTEMPTS TO RETCON HOMOSEXUAL THEMES INTO THE BOOK.
HIGH SCHOOL	The Noble Warrior	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE NO Issues or Concerns NO Issues or Concerns Haven't read so no opinion No Concerns

		 NO CONCERNS I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO MAKE AN EDUCATED DECISION ABOUT THIS. NO ISSUES
HIGH SCHOOL	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE YES, I RECOMMEND. I HAVE READ THIS BOOK. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS I HAVE READ THIS BOOK. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS READ AND APPROVED NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS NO CONCERNS. THIS IS AN AUDIO BOOK OF "ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND" NARRATED BY SCARLET JOHANSSON. NOT SURE WHY A CHEAPER NARRATION WON'T DO. NO CONCERNS.
HIGH SCHOOL	Through the Looking Glass	 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP A NICE EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT GENRES. APPROVE YES, I RECOMMEND. I HAVE READ THIS BOOK. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS I HAVE READ THIS BOOK. NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS READ AND APPROVED NO CONCERNS

		 No concerns. Audiobook of the Lewis Carroll classic. \$0.99, why not?
High School		 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS AGE GROUP APPROVE NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS NO ISSUES OR CONCERNS READ AND APPROVED NO CONCERNS I HAVE READ, NO CONCERNS GREAT, EMOTIONAL BOOK! CLASSIC, GREAT BOOK
	Watership Down	No concerns