Action Sheet

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider approval to purchase

STEMscopes Math for grades K-6 for 2 years from Accelerate Learning for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 using ESSER

funds.

GISD wishes to purchase the software, Accelerate Learning Inc. STEMscopes, for math curriculum, materials, and services. The district has used this vendor for STEMscopes online math curriculum for the past 2 years for grades k-5 and is vertically aligning grade 6 in response to the consolidation of Weis and Austin Middle School next year. This request to purchase additional software licenses for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Purchasing additional licenses using ESSER 3 and general funds will significantly enhance the educational experience for our students. The software is an essential tool for all students that enables an equitable access to digital resources and online instruction. By expanding the number of licenses, the district can help supplement instruction to curtail the loss of student learning as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. This is crucial for maintaining educational continuity and accommodating various learning needs and health concerns. Furthermore, the software enables the use of diverse applications, enhancing interactive and personalized learning opportunities that can help close learning gaps. Galveston ISD's student population consists of 80% economically disadvantaged. Many GISD students do not have the financial means to supplemental educational resources available to them outside of school hours. The software allows for an intervention that responds to the student's academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on underrepresented student subgroups. Purchasing Cooperative: Choice Partners. Funding Source: ESSER III, General

RECOMMENDATION:

I move that the Board approve the purchase of STEMscopes Math for grades K-6 for 2 years from Accelerate Learning for an amount not to exceed \$65,000 using ESSER and General Funds as presented.

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