

MEMO

TO: Weber School District Board Members: Paul Widdison, Jon Ritchie, Kelly Larson, Douglas Hurst, Janis Christensen, Bruce Jardine, and Jan Burrell
Superintendent Gina Butters

FROM: Jennifer Warren
Student Services Director

DATE: December 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Second Step Supplemental Program

The Student Services Department previously renewed the Second Step program for our elementary counselors. Second Step is an evidence based social skills and character education program for grades K-8 to help students build skills—like nurturing positive relationships, managing emotions, and meeting goals—so they can thrive in school and in life. The program is currently utilized in over half our elementary schools as the Tier I instructional program for all students as outlined in Elevate28. Second Step is on the Utah State Board of Education Recommended Instructional Materials (RIMS) database.

This fall, we obtained a USBE supplemental prevention grant to purchase the Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit for Kindergarten–Grade 5. Lesson topics for K-3 include: Class Rules, Recognizing Bullying, Reporting Bullying, Refusing Bullying, Bystander Power. Grade 4-5 lessons include: Class Rules, Recognize, Report, Refuse, Bystander Power, Bystander Responsibility, and Bystanders to Cyberbullying.

This would be a one-time purchase for each elementary counselor. The total purchase price is \$40140; \$1338 per school. The purchase price includes all materials and licenses for each school. This amount also includes training for implementation.

Additionally, through the grant, funding was approved for Second Step Out of School Time. This supplemental resource provides flexible, adaptable, and fun activities for K-5 students covering topics such as community building, growth mindset & goal setting, emotion management, and empathy & kindness.

This would also be a one-time purchase for each elementary counselor. This amount also includes training for implementation. The total purchase price is \$17,790; \$593 per school.

Thank you for your support of our students and elementary school counselors.