

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Purchase of NWEA's Measure of

Academic Progress (MAP) Growth

PRESENTER: Amber Crissey, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Per Board Policy CH (Legal/Local), purchase of goods or services valued at \$50,000, or more, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.
- After an analysis of the district math and reading screeners, the district is recommending the use of MAP Growth reading and math assessments as the district screeners for students in grades 3-10 in place of Lexia RAPID and IXL Diagnostic during the 2021-22 school year.
- The MAP Growth assessments will provide student learning reports that are more comprehensive than the Lexia RAPID and IXL Diagnostic assessments and are aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). MAP Growth reports will provide standards-aligned data reports and predictive data that are necessary to track grade-level student proficiency.
- MAP Growth will provide teachers and students with learning goals by subject area so that students can monitor their own progress in reading and math. Student RIT scores will allow the district to look at student progress in relation to national norms and college/career readiness. RIT scores can also be correlated to performance levels and during the 2017-2018 school year on state and national assessments..
- When MAP was first introduced in the district, there was not a system in place for consistently analyzing and monitoring student data, and the value of MAP was not realized in the district. Since that time, the district has invested in the following instructional resources:
 - Purchased Lexia and IXL programs to provide teachers and students with online, differentiated reading and math curriculum and skills practice.
 - Established a district-wide system, the AISD PLC process, where collaborative teams analyze student data and design interventions /extensions on a weekly basis. Increased teacher capacity within the PLC process will help teachers achieve better results for the students they serve.
 - Added Instructional Specialists and Intervention Specialists to build teacher capacity through assisting teachers with interpreting and utilizing data in meaningful ways.
- With the resources and systems that are currently in place, MAP Growth data can now be utilized in a meaningful way that will yield a valuable return on this investment. MAP also allows students and parents to understand student

- performance in math and reading. A communication plan with parents regarding MAP will be implemented.
- After a review of student usage and teacher feedback, the district would like to continue utilizing the Lexia Core 5 Reading program (grades K-5) and IXL math program (grades K-Alg.II) as a Tier 1 core instruction supplement for all students and would like to discontinue the use of the Lexia RAPID screener and PowerUp Literacy (grades 6-12) during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Due to significant cost savings from discontinuing Lexia RAPID and Power Up, the district is able to purchase MAP Growth assessments while saving \$18,074.50 on total annual program costs.
- The costs associated with purchasing MAP Growth for the 2021-2022 school year is \$65,267.50.

FISCAL INFORMATION:

 Purchase cost of \$65,267.50 will be paid from Instructional Materials Allotment, Fund 410.

ATTACHMENTS:

NWEA MAP Growth Quote/Proposal

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

 Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of NWEA's MAP Growth for implementation during the 2021-2022 school year for the amount of \$65,267.50.