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## Board of Education

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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Jenny Brunke, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning  
**DATE:** March 20, 2025  
**RE:** Leman Middle School Literacy Pilot

**This memo is:**

- ☒ Information only  
☐ Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed:

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated.  
☐ or attached to this memo

### Basic Information:

In accordance with District 33's Long-Range Plan for Leman Middle School, a Leman Literacy Subject Area Committee was formed and tasked with researching literacy resources and providing a recommendation for a resource to pilot during the 25-26 school year. The Leman Literacy Subject Area Committee has provided a unanimous recommendation of Savvas myPerspectives as the resource to pilot. This recommendation was provided to the Academic Leadership Council who also reached a unanimous consensus regarding this recommendation to the Board of Education. The Department of Teaching and Learning presented this recommendation to the Board of Education on March 6th, 2025. The cost of the pilot is \$2,527.20.

### Background/Historical Context:

The Leman Academic Leadership Council approved the current [Long-Range Plan](#) on September 17, 2024. In accordance with the guidance provided by the Long Range Plan, an [Opportunity to Influence](#) was shared and a Leman Literacy Subject Area Committee was formed in October of 2024. The committee was tasked with researching resources and providing a recommendation for a resource pilot to be enacted during the 2025-2026 school year.

The committee met once a month from October to December to engage in professional learning regarding reading science and the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. This learning was applied in the months of January and February in which the team created a [literacy resource review tool](#) and evaluated four resources demoed to them on February 6th, 2025. The four resources demoed and evaluated on February 6th were Savvas: myPerspectives, Amplify: ELA 6-8, CommonLit 360, and Great Minds: Arts and Letters.

The entirety of the Leman Literacy Subject Area Committee as well as a representative from the Science Department, a representative of the Social Studies Department, Leman administrators, and representatives from The Department of Teaching and Learning attended the demonstrations on February 6th and provided feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of each resource. An overview of the demonstrations is linked [here](#).

On February 12th, a [survey](#) was sent to all members of the Leman Literacy Subject Area Committee regarding their

resource recommendations. The survey asked each member to rank their recommendation for a pilot resource 1- 4. 10/10 staff members who completed the survey ranked myPerspectives as their number one choice for a pilot resource.

This recommendation was presented to the Lemman Academic Leadership Council on February 18, 2025. Presentation slides are linked [here](#). At this time, the Lemman Academic Leadership Council came to a consensus with a unanimous vote (10 thumbs up and 0 thumbs down) regarding the recommendation of myPerspectives as the pilot resource to the Board of Education.

On March 6th, 2025, this recommendation was presented to the Board of Education. The presentation slides are linked [here](#) and include the timeline of this process as well as a brief explanation of each step in the process.

If approved, the pilot will take place over the course of the 2025-2026 school year. A pilot team will be established this spring and pilot training will be provided prior to the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The Lemman Literacy Subject Area Committee will finalize any necessary documents for the pilot to take place and the Department of Teaching and Learning will create a pilot handbook to support staff throughout this process.

#### **Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:**

- The approval of the [Lemman Long-Range Plan](#) occurred on September 17, 2024.
- An [Opportunity to Influence](#) was sent and the Lemman Literacy Subject Area Committee was formed in October of 2024.
- A [timeline](#) of the work to be completed by the Lemman Literacy Subject Area Committee during the 2024-2025 school year was shared with all committee members.
- Literacy resource [demos](#) occurred on February 6, 2025.
- Lemman Literacy Subject Area Committee members were [surveyed](#) regarding their recommendation for a pilot resource on February 12, 2025. The unanimous recommendation was myPerspectives.
- The [recommendation](#) of myPerspectives as the pilot resource was made to the Lemman Academic Leadership Council on February 18, 2025. The committee came to a consensus regarding myPerspectives as the pilot resource to recommend to the Board of Education through a unanimous vote.
- The [recommendation](#) of perspectives as a pilot resource for the 2025-2026 school year was made to the Board of Education on March 6, 2025.

#### **Recommendations:**

We are recommending myPerspectives as the Lemman literacy resource to pilot during the 2025-2026 school year for the cost of \$2,527.20.