



Date: September 30, 2021
To: Harlem Board of Education
Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
From: Rebecca Logan, Director of Elementary Education
Re: Digital Subscription to support guided and independent reading

Introduction

In order to give our teachers and students a more robust teaching and learning experience, enhancing our access to digital texts is important. Whether students are learning in the school buildings, or learning at home while on quarantine, this digital subscription will improve our teachers ability to deliver instruction. It also provides more robust access to informational texts. Comprehension of informational text was identified as an area for growth at all grade levels, K-6 in our benchmark assessment.

We reached out to teachers to gain their perspective and feedback regarding what would be important in a digital text platform. From their feedback, we knew teachers were looking for the following in an online platform.

- Wide range of levels
- Teacher's ability to assign titles
- Ability to have some texts read aloud
- Some form of comprehension assessment
- Teacher reports
- Text that align with Science/Social Science
- Ability to search by standard/skill alignment or text level
- Spanish components

We will use the subscription during this school year and continue to gather feedback to determine if the product should be continued in the future based on benefits for students/staff, success of implementation, and modes of learning in the future as a result of COVID-19.

Literacy Pro

Literacy Pro is a site based subscription that will be primarily used with our K-6th grade teachers and students. This subscription will provide a variety of fiction and nonfiction eBooks. Literacy Pro is a management tool for both independent and instructional reading. Literacy Pro provides students with a personalized bookshelf with titles aligned to their interests and grade level. Teachers will also have the choice to share individual titles or share ebook collections with the entire class, small groups, or individual students. The eBooks also contain a short reading quiz to help teachers gauge student comprehension. User guides and professional development, including a webinar are built into the system. We will work to create plan for training in each building.

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