



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 17, 2019 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item:  Informational  Action

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

Three Rivers School District was invited to attend the Literacy Leadership Summit in Denver, Colorado May 1-3, 2019. This conference is sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt publishing, the company from which we purchased ELL curriculum this year. This report is to request out-of-state travel for the ELL teacher, Regina Jordan, to attend the conference. Cost for travel, registration, and lodging will be paid for entirely from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt textbook company.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) is a leader in the curriculum field for English Language Learners. We recently purchased 'English 3D' from this company and have already seen student gains by using their product. By attending the conference, Regina will gain valuable skills not able to be accomplished at any other conference this school year. The goals of the workshop is to learn from leading literacy specialist and authors, collaborate with fellow educators who face the same challenges and have designed innovative implementations with promising results, and explore the potential for growth that personalized learning offers to students. Regina will be able to work 1:1 with the textbook publishers learning valuable information for maximum implementation with TRSD students. Regina will bring back this information and share with ELL staff and ELL Director Jessica Durrant.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Advantages of attending the conference: 1) Learn how to effectively implement 'English 3D' curriculum recently purchased 2) Network with other ELL teachers/districts who use the same curriculum products to find creative ways to implement material with current challenges of distance and time 3) Hear from leading experts in ELL field on research-based methods of instruction for optimum student growth in acquisition of English language.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Disadvantages of attending the conference include ELL teacher missing three days of work. ELL assistants will do their best to make sure student impact is as minimal as possible.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

The other ELL conferences are further away from Oregon, resulting in additional time missed. In addition, other conferences are the financial responsibility of the school district. This one is fully paid for by the HMH company.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No