



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 27, 2021

TITLE: Award of Contract for K-12 Textbook Adoption for English Language Arts (ELA) RFP #1-21-2021

BACKGROUND:

A committee of over sixty district teachers and administrators reviewed textbook series for English Language Arts for students in grades K-12 in January and February of 2021. The committees scored materials presented by ten (10) vendors against established criteria including quality indicators of ELA materials, requirements of the RFP, and alignment to Arizona State Standards. Textbooks recommended by the committee were put on display from February 24, 2021 to April 24, 2021 at every school and at Wetmore Center satisfying the sixty (60) day display requirement. All teachers, parents, and community members had the opportunity to review the materials and provide feedback to the administration during this time period. A public notice of the display period was posted in the local newspaper and at each school.

Upon review of the materials, it was determined that the top vendor for both the elementary and secondary levels is Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. We are particularly encouraged about the possibilities for vertical articulation of curriculum and instruction with only one series district-wide.

The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt materials are available in both print and online formats with extensive teacher and student resources. The content reflects cultural diversity and an appropriate balance of fiction and non-fiction reading materials. The series also provides teachers with multiple options for differentiation/personalization of instruction for students.

Based on the Best and Final Offer bids, requirements of the RFP, and ratings by the committee, the following vendor recommendations for award of contract are made to the Governing Board this evening for approval:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Reading, K-5, Copyright 2020
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Literature, 6-12, Copyright 2020

The cost of this adoption is just over \$1.8 million dollars in capital. We thank the Governing Board for considering this investment in quality materials for our students.

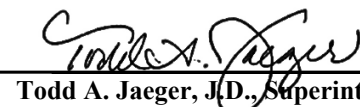
RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Governing Board approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Reading (K-5) and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Into Literature (6-12) as the core English Language Arts textbooks beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

INITIATED BY:


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Date: April 15, 2021


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent