
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Item: GSRP Classroom Supplies

Submitted by: Ashley Karsten

Date: 7/8/2025

Recommended by: Jenny Fee ^{JSF}

Board Meeting Date: 7/21/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Kent ISD board approves the purchase of GSRP classroom furniture and supplies totaling \$305,189.23 from Lakeshore Learning using the GSRP start up grants awarded by MiLEAP.

BACKGROUND

GSRP Start Up Grants, awarded by MiLEAP, provide \$40,000 for each new classrooms, and \$17,900 for each expanded classrooms to help offset the costs of opening new pre-K classrooms including training, facility improvements, outreach materials, and instructional materials such as curriculum and classroom furniture and supplies. Kent ISD anticipates adding 6 new classrooms (\$240,000), and 12 expanded classrooms (\$214,800) for the 2025-26 school year.

Each classroom will be receiving furniture (tables, chairs, shelves) and classroom learning materials (blocks, manipulatives, writing supplies, art supplies, science supplies, and dramatic play). Additional materials will be ordered as needed for individual needs of the classroom, teachers, and students.

The OMNIA cooperative purchasing program was utilized to satisfy state competitive bidding requirements.

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Date: 7/8/2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Kent ISD intends to purchase quotes from Lakeshore Learning in the amount of 305,189.23. We authorize Lakeshore to prepare the order without a purchase order (PO). The PO will be provided to Lakeshore by 7/23/25 in order to receive delivery by 8/31/2025.

Sincerely,
Ashley Karsten
Director of Early Childhood
Kent ISD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Karsten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.