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CISD Board Agenda Item Synopsis

Subject: Consider approving the purchase of instructional materials from HEC Software, Inc.

Background Information:

Under TEA Code §66.104 school systems in Texas have the flexibility and final authority to choose the instructional materials for classroom instruction, as long as those instructional materials, in total, cover 100% of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), and do not violate provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0022 covering “Certain Instructional Materials and Prohibitions;” violate TEC, §28.0062.(a-1), covering the exclusion of three-cueing in phonics instruction; or violate any other law or regulation that protects students from harmful content.

During the 2023-2024 school year, the Board approved the adoption of Reading Horizons Discovery (HEC Software, Inc.) that meets the requirements of a systematic phonics program as set forth by House Bill 3. This resource has previously been a single-year purchase. The Teaching and Learning Department is requesting a Board vote to purchase the following high quality instructional materials, exceeding \$100,000.00 from a single vendor:

- HEC Software, Inc.- \$124,613.96
 - 2025-2026: \$124,613.96
 - *Reading Horizons Discovery K-3 Phonics*, existing campuses
 - \$93,153.76
 - Duration: 2 years
 - Budget: SBOE- Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement
 - *Reading Horizons Discovery K-3 Phonics*, Vasquez Elementary School
 - \$31,460.20
 - Duration: 2 years
 - Budget: FFE

Goals:

- ✓ 1. We will provide and support a safe, civil and collaborative culture.
- ✓ 2. We will continuously provide and support effective teaching in every classroom.
- ✓ 3. We will provide and support a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
- ✓ 4. We will continue to foster a love of reading and commit to continual growth in childhood literacy.
- ✓ 5. We will foster strong numeracy skills and commit to continual growth in math success.
- ✓ 6. We will provide targeted strategies and practices to prepare students for post-secondary education, career readiness, and military participation.
- ✓ 7. We will attract, recruit, develop, and retain high-quality professional staff.

Budgetary Impact: This proposal seeks approval for purchases for instructional materials exceeding \$100,000.00 from a single vendor. This purchase will be made from the Instructional Materials

Technology Allotment, SBOE- Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement, and FFE funds.

Recommendation: The District recommendation is for the Members of the Board to approve the purchase of instructional materials from HEC Software, Inc. in the amount of \$124,613.96.

Submitted by:

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Recommended by:

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Superintendent

Meeting Date: April 28, 2025