

School Board Meeting:

May 28, 2013

Subject:

Performance Series Adoption

Presenter:

Pam Miller

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend board approval.

DESCRIPTION:

Recommend approval of adoption of the Performance Series assessment system by Scantron/Global Scholar and elimination of the use of NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress. The Performance Series assessment suite will be used in select grades at elementary, middle school, and high school for the purpose of school district accountability of student achievement in reading and math.

The background information and the review process information was presented at the May 13, 2013 board workshop. There is no increase in financial impact with the adoption of Performance Series. The testing budget within the Teaching & Learning Department is adequate as it stands for this implementation, as well as a pilot of the Achievement Series. Achievement Series allows districts to input local common classroom assessment data for analysis of student achievement outside of large scale standardized testing data.

Training plans for the adoption and implementation of Performance Series and the pilot of the Achievement Series are in the process of being set. A Performance Series overview will be presented by Jack Brady, District Assessment Coordinator, to each grade level affected during the pre-school teacher workshop. A more in-depth data analysis training will be provided by a trainer from Scantron on October 16th during the staff development day.

Select teachers from BCMS and BHS will be trained in the Achievement Series in August prior to pre-school teacher workshop. Our plan is to then use a train-the-trainer model during workshop week where they then will provide training to their colleagues to engage in the pilot. We are hopeful teachers at all grade levels will see value in the assessment data we are able to glean from both Performance Series and Achievement Series.

Satisfaction surveys will be administered at the end of 2013-14 to determine improvements needed in the administration of Performance Series and to determine future direction of Achievement Series after the pilot opportunity.