

Livonia Public Schools

Academic Services

Date: July 20, 2021

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

Subject: 9th and 10th Grade ELA Textbook Materials Update

I would like to request to be placed on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 26, 2021 to update the Board of Education on the purchase of the updated version of Study Sync for our ninth and tenth grades.

Last year we purchased Study Sync for our eleventh and twelfth grades. Teachers have found the updated platform is easier to use both by themselves and students. They have shared this with their colleagues in ninth and tenth grade There are also more texts from diverse authors in the updated version, which was noted as an area of need by the original committee of ninth and tenth grade teachers.

Christine Fankell has worked with McGraw Hill to provide us with a credit of \$116,930.40 for 5 years of the digital licenses for the 2015 version of Study Sync, which we adopted in 2019. We also will be placing a new purchase order for \$132,800.00 for 5 years of the 2021 version of Study Sync for ninth and tenth grades. The difference between the two quotes is \$15,869.60. Although this in not amount that requires Board approval, I wanted to share some of the background for this purchase.