

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 29, 2025

NUMBER: 25-122

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase
Follett Content Solutions

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval of the purchase of library books for schools from Follett Content Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$675,000

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

As part of the Innovations in Literacy grant, we have been encouraged to spend down most of the carryover funds this budget period. As part of the spend down plan submitted to our federal grant program manager, we are purchasing a refresh of library books district wide. Follett will create customized lists for each school based on our needs and will process the books with laminated covers, label for Lexile reading levels and for Accelerated Reading Program. Books will be delivered on the barge in July and will be shipped to sites with the fall curriculum shipments.

Follett Content Solutions is considered a sole source for Titlewave Books.

Funding: Literacy Connections (LIT) Fund 353

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of the purchase of library books for schools from Follett Content Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$675,00 as presented.
2. Disapproval of purchase of library books for schools from Follett Content Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$675,000 as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of the purchase of library books for schools from Follett Content Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$750,000 as presented.