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## **Board Agenda Item** **Request**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Action ~ Learning Materials language to add to Policy #2520

**MEETING DATE:** JUNE 12, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** LISA ARNOLD

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### **INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:**

At the board meeting on May 29, 2024, I was asked to bring to the board language that can be added to Policy 2520 that would allow teachers some latitude in their classrooms to make instructional decisions.

I have included my recommendation below. In accordance with Policy #2425 all of the same parent rights and protections are in place.

I reached out to Amy White, who assists with the development of ISBA model policies. Her response is below:

Lisa,

I have taken a look at the issue we briefly discussed during our call on Friday.

Specifically, I have reviewed policies 2520, 2530 and 2540. The language contained in policy 2530 envisions that there will be supplemental materials utilized in the schools that are beyond and/or in addition to curricular materials approved by the Board. Specifically, the language in paragraph 3 of policy 2530 provides the District's professional educators the discretion to utilize materials to supplement your District's approved curriculum, which do not have to be pre-approved by the Board.

There is no language in Idaho Code which specifically details the difference between Board approved curriculum and supplementary materials. A number of states have started to address these

considerations New Mexico has put together what I believe to be one of the more comprehensive explanations, specifically that supplemental materials are supplemental resources and are not designed to be the sole or the primary instructional resource for a course but are instead supplementary materials that complement, enrich or extend the content of comprehensive resources.

I do believe that if you retained this language in your consolidation of the three policies, it would allow the District's professional employees to have latitude in the use of supplemental materials (which do not require Board approval as they are not actual curriculum) in addition to the Board approved curriculum.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know at your convenience.

Amy

#### **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to add the following language to Policy \$2520..

Learning materials, for the purposes of this policy, are not limited to Board approved curriculum. ~~but shall also be considered to be any material used in classroom instruction, materials available to students in the classroom, library materials, or any materials to which a teacher might refer a student as part of the course of instruction.~~ Learning materials are not designed for the sole or primary instructional resource, but defined as any materials that are not board approved curriculum and may be used by the District's Professional Employees to complement, enrich, or extend the content of comprehensive resources.