



Livonia Public Schools

Academic Services

Date: May 8, 2024
To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer
Subject: 35j Grant Purchases

I would like to request to be placed on the Policy Committee agenda for the May 13, 2024, Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting to present the 35j Literacy Grant we received from the State of Michigan. We will use the funds for materials, resources, and professional development.

We would like to request the purchase of the additional books for Elementary Integrated Modules using 35j funds in the amount \$108,781.54; the purchase will be from Mrs. Nelson's Book Company for \$58,189.70; Scholastic Education Solutions for \$29,367.84; Benchmark Education Company for \$1,452.00; Booksource for \$6,994.00; Hameray for \$4,000.00 and Kids Discover for \$8,778.00.

We will also request the purchase training and materials from ISME, the Institute for Multi-Sensory Education to support new and current teachers, preschool teachers, ESTs, Learning Specialists and Resource Room teachers for the teaching of Word Study using ISME's programs of Orton-Gillingham and Morphology. The purchase is for \$145,861.70 worth of teaching slide decks, student spelling books, teacher guides, sensory screens, sand and whiteboards. It also includes training vouchers for Phonological Awareness, OG and Morphology.

Lastly, we have written into the grant money for students Preschool through Fifth Grade, the grades that are allowable under the grant, to receive 5 books to take home over the summer to read. Students will be able to choose books from a variety of sources like, Bulkbookstore.com Scholastic, Follett and Amazon. The total purchase for all student summer reading books is \$292,500.00. The total 35j Grant Purchases equal **\$547,143.24.**

Thank you for your consideration.