



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of Thinking Maps Materials

PRESENTER: Denise Dugger and Earl Husfeld

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY: Learning – The District will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional and technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- During the March Board meeting, Kathy Allen made a presentation to the Board concerning the 2013-2014 District initiative to implement Thinking Maps tools as a way to develop critical thinking skills that may be used by students in a variety of subjects and settings.
- Coder Elementary successfully piloted Phase I of the Thinking Maps training this school year and is ready to begin piloting Phase II in August 2013. Phase II of the training focuses on writing skills by utilizing the Thinking Maps program called *Write from the Beginning and Beyond*.
- The *Write from the Beginning and Beyond* program will supplement the skills we are currently teaching students to become effective writers.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

- The cost of the Thinking Maps writing program materials includes the purchase of two manuals, *Setting the Stage* (\$110 each) and *Setting the Stage Expository Writing* (\$95 each), for each teacher on the Coder Campus. The total cost of purchasing the teacher manuals with shipping is \$7,800.
- Per Board Policy CH (Local), any budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, regardless of whether the goods or services are competitively purchased, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.
- Taking into consideration prior purchases made from Thinking Maps, this proposed purchase will put the District's total purchases from Thinking Maps over the \$50,000 threshold per Board Policy.
- Therefore, we are asking your consideration for approval of this purchase from Thinking Maps.

FISCAL NOTE:

Purchase cost of \$7,800 will be paid from Instructional Materials Allotment.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Thinking Maps materials as discussed and presented.