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To: Board of Education
From: Greg Wolcott, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Date: February 24, 2025
Re: Recommendation to Approve Illustrative Mathematics and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Launch Science Program

I am following up on my previous recommendation for the adoption of the \$84,000 Illustrative Mathematics program and the \$35,000 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Launch program. These programs will significantly enhance our students' learning experiences and support our district's commitment to strengthening STEM education.

To ensure timely implementation and allow for necessary teacher training before the next academic year, I am requesting board action to approve the purchase and implementation of these programs.

Key Considerations:

- These programs align with state standards and research-based best practices.
- Professional development and implementation timelines are contingent on board approval to proceed.
- Funding is available within the district's curriculum budget, with potential grant support.

By approving these programs, we are making a direct investment in our students' future success. These resources will equip our educators with the tools they need to inspire a deeper understanding of math and science, foster critical thinking skills, and prepare students for high-demand careers in STEM fields. This decision will empower our students to reach new heights in their academic journey and beyond. I appreciate your support in advancing these opportunities, and I look forward to working together to make this vision a reality.

Recommendation:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the purchase of Illustrative Math curriculum resources, as well as the Project Lead the Way Launch Science Program, as new curricular resources to enhance student learning outcomes within Woodridge School District 68 and better prepare students for their high school and beyond.