

**BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ABSTRACT**

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**ACTION**

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) Training</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>April 20, 2026</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:</b>	<b>Rachel Horn, Director of Curriculum and Instruction</b>

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Batesville School District is committed to providing all students with an excellent learning experience. Through the district's strategic planning process, support for multilingual learners emerged as a critical priority. In the spring of 2026, many Batesville teachers will receive SIOP training funded by a grant through the Northcentral Arkansas Education Service Cooperative. The SIOP model is a framework that integrates academic language development with content instruction. Grant funding will provide the training for the following teachers:

- K-5 teachers in core academic content areas
- Grades 6-8 teachers in ELA, math, and science
- Grades 9-12 teachers in ELA and math

Stakeholders in the strategic planning process highlighted the need for training of all teachers in supporting multilingual learners. The Batesville School District has worked with the existing professional development provider, Savvas Learning Company, to expand the training to include all district teachers. Funding for this expansion will come from restricted federal funds for professional development.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends that the Batesville School Board of Directors authorize the Batesville School District Administration to contract with Savvas Learning Company to expand the training to include all district teachers.

If the board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to approve Savvas Learning Company as a vendor to provide SIOP training for the Batesville School District.***