

AGENDA

ITEM

SUBJECT:

Consider Board approval of the continued purchase of a phonics curriculum for kindergarten through third grade and also the additional purchase of materials for fifth grade.

RATIONALE:

State law requires an approved method for acquisition of goods or services totaling over \$50,000.00 for a 12 month period.

HB 3, issued by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019, directs all Texas school districts to provide a phonics curriculum that uses systematic, direct instruction in kindergarten through third grade to ensure all students obtain necessary early literacy skills. Commissioner rule 19 TAC 74.2001 also became effective in April 2022 outlining specific criteria that phonics materials must do, may do, and may not do. In March 2022, TEA selected materials for an initial review cycle. Those materials that met the criteria set forth by HB 3 and TEA were just released in April 2023. Reading Horizons meets all areas identified on the evaluation rubric and will allow Huntsville ISD to be compliant with the statute and rule. These materials were implemented first in 2023-24. This new order will allow us to add 5th grade materials to elementary as well as replace consumable materials used last school year.

Please see the attached quotes and letter of justification.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the District approve the purchase of the Reading Horizons phonics curriculum using the district IMA funds.

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