



Executive Summary Finance Committee Meeting

DATE: March 24, 2022

TOPIC: K-8 Social Studies Curricular Adoption

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Recommended for:

- ☒ Action
- ☒ Discussion
- ☒ Information

Purpose/Background:

The Board of Education approves all curricular adoptions.

The Administration recommends adoption of the *MyWorld Interactive for Illinois* program published by Savvas for grades K-2 and the *Impact* and *Voices and Perspectives* programs published by McGraw-Hill for grades 3-5 and 6-8 respectively. This recommendation replaces the *TCI Social Studies* program.

The *MyWorld Interactive for Illinois* program aligns with our K-2 literacy program, *ReadyGen*, both published by Savvas. Committee members felt this program combined balance of information depth, reinforcement of literacy skills, and activities to apply information in meaningful ways.

- Online materials are developmentally appropriate and young learners can navigate to them quickly
- Breadth of activities provides choice to differentiate the learning experience
- Read-aloud supports the literacy program, ties-in with other titles, and text can be read to students
- Program elements provide support for English Learner students and leveled readers support enrichment
- “Big” questions hook learners and set the stage for the remainder of the lesson
- “Quests” are standards aligned problem-solving/project-based activities, which culminate in a performance task
- Google Expeditions allow students to travel on virtual field trips

Impact and *Voices and Perspectives* are produced by the same publisher as the District’s middle school math and science programs and PK-5 math program. Through these experiences, we have come to know how students connect with the materials to build a foundation of content knowledge. Other embedded features within the programs include:

- A more content rich text allowing students to gain valuable background knowledge, spurring their curiosity, and helping them self-generate additional questions
- Programs build around a “Compelling Question” that frames student understanding
- Interactive texts/maps/charts/graphs provide deeper understanding
- Self-check quizzes assess learning for immediate, individualized feedback

- The programs are filled with research prompts, opportunities to evaluate sources, gather evidence, and complete evidence-based writing tasks (such as document-based questions). Students learn how to reach informed conclusions. These learning experiences allow students to apply their knowledge and practice reading comprehension, writing, and analytical skills
- Students are able to make connections between the past and present with a flexible curriculum that facilitates choice and remains current with regular content updates. For example, “The Living Library” provides an ever-expanding library of regularly updated resources. “Impact News” and “BTW” provide current events articles for students to engage with history as it is happening
- There are up to three Inquiry Activity Lessons focused on primary and secondary sources covering a wide range of voices and perspectives; provided by excerpts from interviews, magazine articles, poems, song lyrics, and photographs. Students build background knowledge, investigate information, and report their findings

District legal counsel reviewed the Terms from both Savvas and McGraw-Hill and found them to be acceptable.

Selection Method:

A Committee of 12 staff members representing grades K-8 has been meeting since September to arrive at this recommendation. Through a process of sample material review, lesson trial, Committee discussion, usage of a consistent multi-point rubric, and meetings with vendor representatives the Committee selected the *MyWorld Interactive for Illinois*, *Impact* and *Voices and Perspectives* as the programs members believe are best suited to meet the needs of our student population.

Fiscal Impact:

6-Year Social Studies Adoption

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Teacher Materials</u>	<u>Costs</u>
MyWorld Interactive for Illinois – Grade K	125	7	\$8,007.19
MyWorld Interactive for Illinois – Grade 1	125	7	\$9,382.19
MyWorld Interactive for Illinois – Grade 2	105	7	\$8,310.76
Virtual Humanities Program Activation			\$500
Impact Social Studies Communities – Grade 3	120	7	\$8,730
Impact Social Studies Regions of U.S. – Grade 4	135	8	\$11,169.90
Impact Social Studies U.S. History – Grade 5	150	8	\$12,411
Voices and Perspectives – Grade 6	120	5	\$13,680
Voices and Perspectives – Grade 7	145	5	\$17,400
Voices and Perspectives – Grade 7	145*	5	\$17,400
Voices and Perspectives – Grade 8	150	5	\$18,000
Shipping and Handling			\$6,088.71
Total			\$131,079.75

Quantities are based on current enrollment projections for 2022-2023. Each subscription includes both print and digital materials for the duration of the adoption.

*The 7th grade curriculum bridges the 6th and 8th grade time eras. There are elements of Western Civilization covered from 6th grade materials, as well as U.S. History out of the 8th grade text. Given this structure, the District provides 7th grade students with materials in both titles. This was the same organization during the previous six-year cycle.

Recommendation:

It is the Administrative recommendation that the Finance Committee concurs to recommend to the Board of Education to adopt the *MyWorld Interactive for Illinois* program for grades K-2 and the *Impact and Voices and Perspectives* programs for grades 3-5 and 6-8 respectively for the school years 2022-2023 through 2027-2028 in the amount of \$131,079.75.