



Livonia Public Schools

Academic Services

Date: October 14, 2024

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

Subject: Purchase of Decodable Books, Books for Classroom Libraries and Student Home Libraries

I would like to request to be placed on the Curriculum Committee agenda for the October 14, 2024 Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting with a recommendation to purchase literacy materials using the the 35j Grant and General Funds. Last year we applied for and were awarded 1.8 million dollars in grants to support literacy at the PreK through 5th grades. We have utilized these funds to provide students with books to take home over the summer, OG and Morphology training for teachers along with training support materials, fifth grade student consumable books from HMH and decodable texts for elementary interventionists to use with students who are reading below grade level. For this round of purchases we would like to purchase the following:

Decodable readers for Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Classrooms from Pioneer Valley Books in Northampton, Massachusetts for \$139,311.00. This purchase would include sets of readers to be used by classroom teachers as a part of their Tier I phonics instruction.

We would like to provide Pre-K through 5th grade classroom teachers with \$1,000 in grant funds to purchase new books for their classroom libraries. Sixth grade and Resource classroom teachers would also receive funds to purchase books through general funds. The books would be purchased from Barnes and Noble, Scholastic and Amazon. The total of this purchase would be \$350,000.

Lastly, we would like to approval to spend the second part of the grant that provides money for students Preschool through 5th Grade (grades allowable under the grant), to receive 5 books to take home over the summer to read. We would like the approval early this year so that schools may create a better plan for students to choose books to take home. The books may be purchased from Barnes and Noble, Scholastic and Amazon. The total purchase for all students is \$324,000.00.

The total purchases equal \$813,311.00

Thank you for your consideration of this request.