



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 15, 2024 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

We propose that the school board adopt EntreCulturas curriculum to support Spanish instruction at the high school level.

Grades 9-12 = EntreCulturas from Wayside Publishing - \$96,560

In 2019, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) adopted new World Language standards. An update to ODE's approved instructional materials were adopted in 2020. Three Rivers School District last adopted Spanish instructional materials in 2010. The goal of this adoption committee was to select the best resource to support teaching the standards, select a resource that could incorporate into the PLC work of our collaborative teams, and select a resource that would be meaningful to our student population. Funding for the Spanish instructional materials will be paid for using ESSER III grant dollars.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The adoption committee was led by Jessica Durrant, Casey Alderson, and John Tunick. The Spanish Adoption committee was made up of 3 teachers, one from every high school in the district. These teachers represent the different Spanish courses offered in our high schools, from Spanish 1 to Spanish 4. The committee met together several times over the course of 4 months. In March, the committee met to review the approved instructional materials and selected 2 curriculums to pilot. The pilot process occurred at all three high schools during April. Teachers who piloted the two resources taught standards (units and lessons) from both curriculums. In April, the committee met to review the pilot process, review teacher feedback, and selected the curriculum to be recommended to the school board. In accordance with Board Policy, samples of all materials will be on display for one month prior to the final vote by the Board on June 25, 2024. Jessica Durrant will email parents letting them know about the process and availability to preview materials at the District Office.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Curriculum materials are one of many important components of teaching and learning. The following outlines important advantages of adopting the recommended curriculums:

- They will help teachers to teach essential standards in an engaging and rigorous manner. They offer a variety of audio and visual tools to help students read, write and speak.
- They offer a variety of print and digital resources to be used by both teachers and students.
- They will help with differentiation, intervention, and enrichment to support varying student learning needs. They will support our Year 3 and Year 4 students in preparation for post high school employment or college classes.
- They offer a strong starting place for PLC collaborative teams to plan and align instruction. They offer a cultural perspective and worldview experience from all Spanish speaking countries. The benefits of learning a second language go beyond the life-long ability to communicate with a greater number of people and an enhanced understanding of another culture. Research has demonstrated that the study of a second language also results in improved academic performance, higher order thinking skills, and increased opportunities for success in the expanding global community. Our challenge is to provide all TRSD students with the opportunity to benefit from the study of a second language.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Curriculum materials are expensive. A disadvantage of this proposal would be the incurred cost, which could be reallocated to other needs in TRSD if the board does not approve the adoption. ESSER III funds (the money used to purchase this adoption) has to be spent by September 30, 2024.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Not adopting curriculum is a possible alternative. This is not recommended due the fact that our teachers need a primary resources for to teach this content and subject.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No