



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** July 18, 2017 **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?**

Three Rivers School District was awarded \$90,000 in a grant to support our ELL program at all schools. This money is targeted for curriculum, professional development, technology, and parent involvement. We did a 'needs assessment' to determine the best use of money with the ultimate goal of exiting students from the program in a more timely manner. It was determined that adopting an approved curriculum at K-6 was a main priority to increase student growth. This report is to inform the board about the adoption of ELL curriculum at grades K-6. Cost for the curriculum and professional development training will be paid for entirely from the ELL grant and budget.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

The curriculum chosen for ELL students K-6 is Systematic ELD from the publisher E.L. Achieve. Systematic ELD is a dedicated instructional block that is driven by students' assessed English proficiency levels. The curriculum provides time for English learners to learn and practice language they need in order to navigate rigorous content instruction and a variety of adult and peer interactions, such as discussions and collaborative work. Students will receive instruction at their ability level, ensuring the best potential for growth.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Advantages of adopting the curriculum: 1) Consistency in lessons for students at various schools. 2) Research based methods, strategies, and content to help ELL students with language acquisition. 3) Southern Oregon Education Service District (SOESD) supports the professional development and training for our ELL staff, providing a network of resources for our staff to collaborate with during implementation of the new curriculum.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Disadvantages of not adopting the curriculum: 1) Students will not receive lessons that are centered around best practices for their specific learning needs. 2) Students across the district may not exit the program as quickly as they could due to a lack of targeted instruction.

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

The ELL staff have created and delivered lesson they have created, at times in collaboration with the classroom teacher. This practice could continue, but current data shows this is not the best method for student growth.

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:** Yes ☐ No ☐