

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

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Subject: Recommendation to Purchase i-Ready Diagnostic Assessments

The 2015-16 school year saw the first year of administering i-Ready Diagnostic assessments in our district. In mathematics, we administered the i-Ready Diagnostic Math assessment to all first – sixth grade students three times, fall, winter and spring and to kindergarten students only twice, winter and spring. For reading, we selected six schools to pilot the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading assessment this year. In addition, Title I schools used their funds to purchase this assessment. Both the Pilot and Title I schools administered the Reading assessment to students following the same schedule as the Math assessment.

In preparing for the 2016-17 school year, I would like an opportunity to discuss with our Board of Education during the July 18, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting the following recommendations:

- Purchase i-Ready Diagnostic assessments for administration at the elementary level. Continue the current administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Math assessments to all kindergarten – sixth grade students and expand the administration of the i-Ready Diagnostic Reading to include students in all our elementary schools. Funds to purchase the licenses for the Math assessments are available through the Section 31A grant we receive from MDE. The cost to purchase the Reading assessment licenses would be split between the Section 104d grant (Early Literacy Assessment Grant) for students in grades K-3 and the Section 31A grant for students in fourth-sixth grades. Before the end of the school year, Mrs. Scott and I met with elementary principals to discuss the future use of the i-Ready Diagnostic assessments. They support both the math and reading recommendation.
- Purchase i-Ready Diagnostic assessments for administration to middle school and high school students based on requests from principals in our secondary schools. Funds to purchase the licenses for these assessments are available through the Section 31A grant.
- Purchase i-Ready Reading Instruction to use with students in first – third grades. Funds to purchase the licenses for the Instruction component of i-Ready are available through the Section 35A grant. Mrs. Scott and I presented this recommendation to elementary principals and they support its purchase.

Please find attached a chart that summarizes the anticipated i-Ready assessment and instruction expenditures for the 2016-17 school year and funding sources for each. Also attached are the Price Quotes from Curriculum Associates for these recommended purchases.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide additional information on this topic.

Attachments