



Sharon Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

To: RIMSD 41 Board of Education
From: Dr. Sharon Williams
Cabinet Champion: Debra Frantz, EL Director
Date: September 24, 2024
Re: Lexia English Renewal

The Teaching and Learning Department recommends that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Lexia English software license for use to supplement support for our English Learners in grades 7-12 at a cost not to exceed \$16,200. By committing to the purchase before the end of the calendar year, the district can save \$3,000.

Since August of 2023, Lexia English has been piloted as part of programming for English Learners in grades 7-12 as part of MTSS during the school day within the EL Resource and EL Study Skills courses. The program assists in the development of English language and provides direct instruction opportunities by way of printable lessons and skill builders. Currently, 26 students at Edison JHS, 33 students at Washington JHS, and 146 students at Rock Island High School utilize this online program. Training for EL paraprofessionals at the high school level has allowed for small group instruction of students needing additional support.

The overarching goal of implementation is to provide additional opportunities for students to engage in academic vocabulary via listening and speaking. These opportunities, along with key instruction of English language development, provide students with additional confidence and strategy when reading, writing, listening, and speaking across all subject areas.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the annual software license agreement with Lexia Learning Systems LLC, P.O. Box 83315 Woburn, MA 01813 in the amount not to exceed \$16,200 for licenses at the junior high and senior high schools. Lexia English will be paid from Title III, the Sheila Murphy Trust, and the Dollar General Foundation.

Investment Period: July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Total Investment: \$16,010

Funding Source: Federal Funds, Sheila Murphy Trust, Dollar General Foundation Grant

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