

# ***Textbook Adoption Recommendations***

May 12, 2015

## **SUMMARY:**

- This item requests approval of science, mathematics, social studies, and fine arts textbooks, print and digital, as recommended by the 2015 IMA selection committees.

## **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The board heard the Instructional Material(s) Workshop on April 21, 2015. The Workshop shared the recommendations of the IMA committees.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- Each textbook leadership committee used a rubric to study the options and narrowed the field down to a working list of top options. Teachers in each field were then asked to study, in depth, the options and vote from the best candidates. Teachers, too, used rubrics to assist in their analysis. The recommendations are based on the teacher input/votes.

- Staff used the textbook research company, Learning List, to determine the degree each textbook (instructional materials) addressed the TEKS. All of our recommendations met the TEA expectations.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

- On-line access is available to students with each of our recommendations.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- The textbooks (print and on-line access) are funded through the Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) that is funded over the biennium. Mr. Darrell Muncy manages the IMA and oversees the IMA committees. Expenditures are made through committee vote; large textbook (instructional materials) adoptions are approved by the vote of DISD School Board. We have arranged with a number of the publishers to make two payments: one in 2015 and one in 2016. We are able to do this because the 2016 IMA Proclamation was suspended by the Commissioner of Education.

## **BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

- Passage will allow the district to place orders for delivery of printed material prior to the beginning of the 2015-16 school with an expected delivery before instruction begins in the Fall of 2015.

## **PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:**

- The new instructional materials will be accompanied with staff development support for teachers so that they are familiar with the many new features in both the print and digital formats.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:**

- None

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- No alternative actions are proposed.

## **OTHER COMMENTS:**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:**

*We are asking the board to approve the purchase of instructional materials as noted in Column F(2015) and Column G (2016) using the Instructional Materials Allotment received from the TEA.*

## **STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:**

- Dr. Mike Mattingly, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, & Staff Development

## **ATTACHMENT:**

Spreadsheet of IMA Titles and Costs for 2015 (column F) and 2016 (column G)

## **APPROVAL:**

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_