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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Deborah Cortez, Elementary Math & Science Instructional Officer
Subject: Selection and Purchase of New Elementary Math Curriculum
Date: April 9, 2025

HISTORY:

The current mathematics curriculum used in our district was selected in 2013. Since then, substantial changes have occurred in teaching strategies and research on effective math instruction. Over the past decade, it has become increasingly evident that our existing materials are no longer fully aligned with the evolving needs of our students and educators.

RATIONALE:

House Bill 1605 provided an important list of mathematics curricula that have been thoroughly reviewed and identified as high-quality instructional materials. These curricula are fully aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards and are considered exemplary in terms of their ability to support student achievement in mathematics. This list of approved programs is a valuable resource for districts like ours as we seek to ensure that our math instruction meets the state's high academic standards and provides students with the best possible opportunities for success.

The decision to adopt Bluebonnet Learning for grades K-5 as the district's new math curriculum follows a comprehensive, research-driven process to ensure that we select the best possible program to meet the needs of our students and teachers. Over the past several months, the instructional team has conducted a thorough review of potential math programs, engaging in a multi-faceted evaluation process designed to select a curriculum that supports effective teaching, student success, and long-term academic achievement. The administration would like to choose

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Timeline for Adoption of New Math Curriculum

- **December 2024:**
 - Vendors were contacted and scheduled for teacher presentations in January and February 2025.
 - The selected vendors are on the high-quality instructional materials list from the State Board of Education (SBOE).
 - Rubrics were created for teachers to follow during the presentations.
 - Math committees were selected. Please see below for a list of committee members by campus.
- **January 2025:**
 - **January 16, 2025:** iReady Mathematics presentation for elementary teachers.
 - **January 22, 2025:** Stemsscopes presentation for elementary teachers.
 - **January 28, 2025:** Eureka/Bluebonnet Learning presentation for elementary teachers.
- **February 2025:**
 - Elementary Instructional Specialists and the Elementary Instructional Officer vetted the top math curriculums and planned lessons using them. The components analyzed included concept development and rigor, progress monitoring, mathematical fluency, problem-solving, productive struggle, and implementation.
 - The vetting process, which lasted 3 hours, was well-organized and comprehensive.
- **March 2025:**
 - Math comparison findings were presented to elementary teachers for review and feedback.
 - Teachers were told that the new curriculum for the 2025-2026 school year is Eureka/Bluebonnet Learning. They were presented with the materials they will be receiving, along with implementation and year-long support.
- **April 2025:**
 - Parent informational meetings

This timeline outlines the process for reviewing and adopting a new math curriculum, ensuring teachers are involved in the decision-making process and that the selected curriculum aligns with the highest standards for instructional quality. Please note that teacher voting was **not** required in this process. However, their feedback was considered.

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Committee Members

Campus	Grade	Teacher
Sambrano	Kinder	Evelyn Castañeda & Diana Loya
	1st	Denise Mendoza & Abigail Garcia
	2nd	Daisy Mendoza & Priscilla Santiesteban
	Instructional Specialist	Alyssa Padilla
Alarcon	3rd	Linda Rodriguez
	4th	Talia Reyes
	5th	Patricia Magallanez
	6th	Rick Garcia & Pablo Ortiz
	Special Ed Teacher	Daisy Baeza
	Instructional Specialist	Claudia Murphy
Borrego	3rd	Norma Enriquez
	4th	Lorena Lopez
	5th	Sarah Guillen
	6th	John Olivas & Shalimar Contreras
	Special Ed Teacher	Nataly Ruiz
	Instructional Specialist	Claudia Nakay

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BUDGET IMPACT:

In addition to providing a list of approved curricula, House Bill 1605 includes provisions for funding that can be utilized to support the purchase and implementation of these high-quality math instructional materials. This funding support will alleviate the financial burden on our district as we work to adopt a curriculum that will best serve our students' needs. San Elizario ISD will receive an annual entitlement of \$40 per enrolled student to support the procurement of the SBOE-approved instructional materials, per House Bill 1605. In addition, the district will receive an additional annual entitlement of \$20.00 per enrolled student for expenses incurred from the printing of state-developed and SBOE-approved OER. The cost of the Bluebonnet Learning program and manipulative kits is \$75,342.35, which will be covered through the entitlement. The district will cover the cost of the student Spanish workbooks, which is \$27,837.57.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: The administrative recommendation is to review the information for the Elementary math curriculum. The Elementary math curriculum approval is included in the TEKS Certification and Allotment Form agenda item.

For Approval? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, please check one: ☒ Presentation ☐ Report ☐ Information

Please check if applicable: ☒ Attachment Included

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