

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 22, 2023**

TOPIC: Grades 3 and 4 Word Study Professional Development

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of digital teacher resources and professional development vouchers for 100 teachers to attend a 30-hour training on Orton Gillingham Morphology, our newly adopted word study curriculum for third and fourth grades, for a total cost of \$120,000.

RATIONALE:

Since February 2020 we have been training K-2 teachers on Orton-Gillingham's multisensory approach to teaching phonemic awareness and phonics. Morphology is the next step in updating our word study curriculum. This would provide third and fourth grade teachers the professional development and access to IMSE Orton Gillingham Morphology curriculum.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

The total cost of \$120,000 is a savings of \$300 per teacher for a total savings of \$30,000. Funding for this purchase will come from general funds.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

EXHIBITS:

Attachment