

School Board Meeting:

May 29, 2013

Subject:

K-12 Social Studies Curriculum
Adoption Approval

Presenter:

Pam Miller

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval.

DESCRIPTION:

Recommend approval of purchase of the selected instructional resources for K-12 Social Studies instruction to meet the requirements of instruction and assessment within the Minnesota Academic Social Studies Standards, as well as local objectives.

The recommended resources and details of the review process were presented at the May 13, 2013 board workshop. The elementary and secondary program goals established within the continuous improvement process are listed below.

Elementary Social Studies Improvement Process Goal

As a district striving to meet the intent of the state standards, the goals of the BHM elementary social studies program are:

- to provide a variety of quality materials, resources, and technologies that connect to multiple disciplines and allow students to learn through a global lens;
- to create authentic learning opportunities through research, collaboration, and response activities;
- to develop assessments that allow for student ownership and show personal learning.

Secondary Social Studies Improvement Process Goal

Provide students with access to authentic learning experiences beyond the four walls, both virtually and physically.

Recommended Instructional Resources

Elementary	\$172,082
Kindergarten - Grade 3	Harcourt Social Studies
	Pearson biographies

Grades 4-5	TCI Social Studies Alive!
BCMS	\$105,660
Grade 6	Northern Lights
Grade 7	America: History of our Nation Pearson MN Custom Edition
Grade 8	Geography Alive! Human Geography (Quest)
Technology	Classroom sets of Chromebooks to be shared among social studies instructors
BHS	\$123,110
American Experience	Building Citizenship: Civics & Economics McGraw Hill Education
American History	TCI History Alive!
World Studies	World History & Geography McGraw Hill Education
Economics	Teacher-Created Custom Curriculum Materials
Psychology	Myers' Psychology in Modules
Technology	Classroom sets of Chromebooks and iPad minis to be shared among social studies instructors
PLC	\$3,300
American History	TCI History Alive!
World Studies	World History & Geography McGraw Hill Education

The total preliminary budget figure for K-12 is \$404,152. Final cost proposals will be agreed upon with each vendor after board approval. Materials will be ordered in June and July, with implementation by teaching staff in 2013-14.

Core district expectations of implementation are being established for each grade level. Evaluation of the materials and of our district's efforts in student mastery of the social studies standards will be assessed through the continued phases of the continuous improvement process.