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Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Asst. Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Lea DeLuca
DATE: March 6, 2025
RE: Amplify Literacy Resource Recommendation

This memo is:

- Information only.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: _____

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
 or attached to this memo

Basic information:

At the February 20, 2025 Board of Education Meeting we presented the outcome of the Amplify Literacy Pilot and the recommendation for BOE approval.

The final recommendation is as follows: Amplify English Knowledge for Kindergarten through 5th grade; Amplify Lectoescritura for K-2 Spanish Foundation Skills, Spanish Grammar for 3-5 grade through Amplify, Amplify English Knowledge and Spanish Conocimiento for Kindergarten through 5th grade at Gary; UFLI for K-2 English Foundational Skills; and Fastbridge for English/Spanish progress monitoring.

UFLI (K-2)

- Purchased in 2023
- \$70/per teacher manual

Decodable Texts (K-2)

- English- \$60,885 (Title I Funds)

Amplify Lectoescritura (K-2 Dual)

- \$432,740/5 years
- \$86,548/year

Amplify Knowledge (K-5)

- 5 Year Contract
- \$310,071/5 years
- \$62,014/year

Amplify Conocimientos Workbooks (Gary)

- \$20,000/year

FastBridge (K-8)

- \$25,000/year (Renewal)

Background or historical information:

Below you will find the timeline of the Literacy Pilot that began in April of 2024.

April 2024

Literacy Subject Area Committee Established

Literacy Best Practice Professional Learning for the Literacy Subject Area Committee

Literacy Resource Evaluation Tool Training

May 2024

Literacy Resource Demos

Literacy Subject Area Committee vote to pilot Amplify beginning in the 2024-2025 school year

June 2024

Board of Education approves the Amplify resource pilot for the 2024-2025 school year

Literacy Pilot Training

August 2024

Literacy Pilot Training

September 2024

The pilot team begins the resource pilot

September-February

Students data monitored

Teacher feedback collected

February 2025

The Literacy Subject Area Committee met on February 7th to review all data and agreed on recommendations to the Academic Leadership Council, with 16 in favor and 0 opposed. The Academic Leadership Council met on February 11th and agreed on a recommendation to the Board of Education, with 13 in favor and 1 opposed.

February 20th- Presentation on the recommendation of the literacy resource to the Board of Education

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

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Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: