



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** December 20, 2023      **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Jessica Durrant

**Type of Item:**       *Informational*       *Action*

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

This Board Report is requesting approval of the Early Literacy Grant Application for Three Rivers School District for 2023-2025 school years. The Early Literacy Grant Application includes narrative essays and budget expenditures for the two years in this biennium. As required by the Oregon Department of Education, this application is brought to the board for approval as an action item along with the opportunity for public feedback during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting. Following approval, the application will be submitted to ODE and posted on the TRSD public website.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

In 2023, through the leadership of Governor Kotek, the Oregon Legislature established early literacy as a top priority. In creating the Early Literacy Success Initiative, they identified four goals: (1) Increase early literacy for children from birth to third grade; (2) Reduce literacy academic disparities for student groups that have historically experienced academic disparities; (3) Increase support to parents and guardians to enable them to be partners in the development of their children's literacy skills and knowledge; and (4) Increase access to early literacy learning through support that is research-aligned, culturally responsive, student-centered and family-centered. The total allocation for the Early Literacy Grant (non-competitive) for Three Rivers School District in 2023-2025 school years is \$636,398.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

The Early Literacy Grant requires the board to approve the application and provide for public comment. Once approved by the board, the documents and information will be submitted to ODE for review and the application will be posted on the public website. Elementary administrators were part of the planning for this grant as it will impact all seven elementary schools in the district.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

If the grant application is not approved or submitted, significant funds will not be available to TRSD to support early literacy.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

N/A

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:** Yes  No