

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members **DATE:** December 4, 2023

NUMBER: 24-062

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

NWABSD Strategic Goal 2: Instructional Supports

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval of AK CLSD grant expenses from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to provide decodable readers to support beginning readers in grades K-3 not to exceed \$100,000.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt provides coaching sessions to support the implementation, organization, and instructional decision making of our current adopted K-5 literacy program, *Into Reading*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's coaching sessions will center about supporting new teachers with fidelity to core implementation and supporting current teachers with materials, resources, and alignment to the Structured Literacy and Science of Reading approach needed to support early literacy and Alaska Reads Act implementation. The total purchase cost will not exceed \$100,000 has budgeted.

These items were budgeted for and approved as part of our AK CLSD Literacy grant application through the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

Funding: State AK Literacy Grant Fund 305

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of purchase supplemental coaching services provided by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for K-5 teachers not to exceed \$100,000 as presented.
2. Disapproval of purchase supplemental coaching services provided by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for K-5 teachers not to exceed \$100,000.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the board approves the purchase of purchase supplemental coaching services provided by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for K-5 teachers not to exceed \$100,000 as presented.