



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2025 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?

We propose that the school board adopt Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) as the primary resource for K-5 instructional materials. In June 2019, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) adopted new English Language Arts standards and with that came an update to ODE's approved instructional materials. Three Rivers School District last adopted ELA instructional materials in 2014. The goal of this adoption committee was to select the best resource to support teaching the standards, select a resource that could incorporate into the PLC work of our collaborative teams, and select a resource that would be meaningful to our student population. Funding for the ELA instructional materials will be paid for using funds from the Early Literacy Grant and Student Investment Account. The cost for this K-5 ELA adoption cost is approximately \$633,802.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The adoption committee was led by Jessica Durrant, Vicki DiStefano, and Alyson Berg. The committee was made up of 13 teachers spanning every grade level and included four specialists. The committee met several times both in person and virtually. In September, the committee met to review the approved instructional materials and narrowed it down to 2 curriculums to pilot. The pilot process occurred at all grade levels K-5 during December and January. Teachers who piloted taught standards (units and lessons) from both curriculums. Additionally, the ELA materials were shared with all elementary staff so they could view the proposed recommendation and provide feedback. In February, the committee met to review the pilot process and select the curriculum to be recommended to the school board. In accordance with Board Policy, samples from the proposed curriculum were on display for one month prior to the final vote by the Board on April 16, 2025. Jessica Durrant emailed parents on March 17, 2025 letting them know about the process and availability to preview materials at the District Office.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Curriculum materials are one of many important components of teaching and learning. The following outlines important advantages of adopting the recommended curriculums:

- They will help teachers to teach essential standards in an engaging and rigorous manner.
- They offer a variety of print and digital resources to be used by both teachers and students.
- They will help with differentiation, intervention, and enrichment to support varying student learning needs.
- They offer a strong starting place for PLC collaborative teams to plan and align instruction.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Curriculum materials are expensive. A disadvantage of this proposal would be the incurred cost, which could be reallocated to other needs in TRSD if the board does not approve the adoption. Early Literacy funds (the large percentage of money used to purchase this adoption) has to be spent by June 30, 2025.

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

Not adopting curriculum is a possible alternative. This is not recommended due the fact that our teachers need a primary resources for to teach core ELA content.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐