

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education Members    **DATE:** December 05, 2023

**NUMBER:**24-061

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Purchase; Aligned Education Resources

### **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 Aligned Educational Resources to provide decodable readers to support beginning readers in grades K-3 not to exceed \$150,000.

### **BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

Aligned Educational Resources provides decodable readers organized into a system aligned by decodability percentage and in coordination with our current adopted K-5 literacy program, *Into Reading*. Aligned Educational Resources materials also follows the Structured Literacy and Science of Reading approach needed to support early literacy and Alaska Reads Act implementation. Decodable readers are organized by literacy developmental level and are to serve as a resource, supplement, and intervention for sites. The total purchase cost will not exceed \$230,000has 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, ESSER III

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approval of purchase supplemental decodable reader libraries for all sites to support students in grades K to grade 3 from Aligned Educational Resources for an amount not to exceed \$230,000 as presented.
2. Disapproval of purchase, supplemental decodable reader libraries for all sites to support students in grades K to grade 3 from Aligned Educational Resources for an amount not to exceed \$230,000
3. Take no final action.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the board approves the purchase supplemental decodable reader libraries for all sites to support students in grades K to grade 3 from Aligned Educational Resources for an amount not to exceed \$230,000 as presented.