

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

Subject: Recommendation to Purchase *Literacy Footprints K- 4 Guided Reading*

I am requesting the purchase of *Literacy Footprints* Guided Reading Materials to be placed on the agenda for the October 15, 2018, Board of Education's Curriculum Committee.

This purchase is for sequenced, leveled texts in a variety of genres to be used for Guided Reading Instruction in grades kindergarten through fourth grades. These materials are aligned to the Common Core State Standards and follow the model of guided reading we currently use, *Jan Richardson's Next Steps for Guided Reading*.

The materials were piloted last year along with another guided reading program. Teachers felt that the *Literacy Footprints* materials were more engaging, helped them to target reading skills within a leveled text, and saved them time in planning for instruction. The materials also come with a comprehensive Teaching Guide, on-line assessment resources, and teacher videos and materials. Each grade level set is meant to be shared with two classrooms and the purchase includes the additional Teaching Guides for the second classroom.

In addition, we are purchasing five days of professional development with a consultant from Literacy Footprints. The cost will be an additional \$14,000.00. The consultant is \$3,000.00 a day and there is no additional cost for travel because the consultant lives in Michigan.

The total cost for this purchase, including professional development, shipping, and handling is \$222,328.00.

Please consider adding this agenda item to the Curriculum Committee segment of the October 15 Board of Education meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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