

# *Manor Independent School District*

## *Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item*

4/15/2024

### **ACTION ITEM SHEET**

**RE:** 2025-2026 K-5 Mathematics Adoption

**Supporting Documents:**

**District Goals\*:**

Goal 1: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAPS- By 2026, 100% of Manor ISD scholars will graduate prepared for college, career, trade, and/or military services based upon their individual goals.

Goal 6: STAFF DEVELOPMENT- By 2026, Manor ISD will attract, develop, and retain highly-effective staff through an environment of equitable opportunity, growth, & innovation.

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**Background Information:**

The Administration is requesting that the Board of Trustees approve Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math as the curriculum resource for K-5 elementary math instruction during the 2025-2026 school year.

MISD's current K-5 mathematics curriculum that has been in use for multiple years is expensive, necessitating additional funding requests from the district's general fund. Student outcomes utilizing MISD's current K-5 curriculum have not been satisfactory. Feedback and discussions with campus leaders, teachers and instructional coaches as well as evidence from student assessments indicates that the current curriculum is not meeting teacher and student needs. Elementary principals are in agreement that the state-developed instructional materials found in Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math do an exceptional job of covering grade level TEKS, provide strong lesson plans for teachers and comprehensive guidance and practice for students to master grade level content. Additionally, Bluebonnet Learning K-5 is a less-expensive, cost-effective curriculum solution for Manor ISD as it strive to be efficient stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math are state-developed instructional materials developed using the latest cognitive science, cover 100% of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and provide a full suite of resources including scope and sequence, daily lesson plans, and student materials. All Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials are designed to be high-quality, suitable, and grade-level appropriate. Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math is an open education resource which means that districts, campuses, and educators and educators can access all Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials digitally, for free. All Bluebonnet Learning materials are created with the intention of printing instructional materials for classroom use. Printed copies of Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials are available for school systems to procure in the EMAT system.

Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math instructional materials have been approved through the Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process by the State Board of Education (SBOE). As such, they qualify for additional funding entitlements established by House Bill (HB) 1605:

- Additional \$40.00 per student through the SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement (Texas Education Code (TEC), §31.022, TEC, §48.307)
- Additional \$20.00 per students through the State-Developed Open Education Resource (OER) Entitlement (TEC, §48.308)

There is also additional funding for campuses implementing Bluebonnet Learning available through state grants to fund implementation training for staff as well as digital platforms for assessment and student practice.

**Fiscal Implications:**

Funded through state IMTRA funds allocated for curriculum purchase, supplemented by the SBOE-Approved Instructional Materials Entitlement and the State-Developed Open Education Resource (OER) Entitlement.

**Administrative Recommendation:**

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion Language:**

I move that the Board of Trustees approve Bluebonnet Learning K-5 Math for the 2025-2026 school year.

Dr. Matthew Bentz

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Dr. Robert Sormani

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**Approved by Superintendent**