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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Mike Martindale, Deputy Superintendent

Date: April 12, 2017

Subject: STEMscopes Science Instructional Materials

Agenda Item: J - 4

Board Priority/
District Goal: Priority 3, Goals 1, 2 &3

BACKGROUND

New math and science instructional materials were adopted across the state in 2014. In 2014, College Station ISD adopted teacher materials only for grades K-4 and textbooks for students in grades 5-8. Since that time, our district has evaluated our data and recognized a need for additional resources for teaching science.

The additional resources recommended by Amanda Gibson, District Science Coordinator, include STEMscopes for grades K-8. The resources associated with STEMscopes include lab activities, online resources, and consumable kits for labs for each teacher and classroom for grades K-8.

STEMscopes is the publisher and the sole source provider of these materials. Funds to purchase these materials can be requested from TEA through an Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) disbursement request.

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Mike Martindale
Deputy Superintendent for
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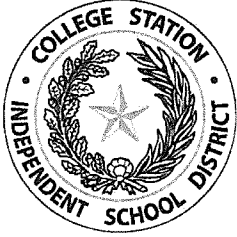
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It is the recommendation of Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing, and Kelly Kovacs, Director of Instruction and Leadership Development, that we request these funds from TEA and purchase STEMscopes for K-8 Science classrooms for \$213,391.75.

These instructional materials will be provided for just one year. After that time, we will evaluate our IMA funding and our district's use of these materials to determine if additional years will be purchased.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of STEMscopes for K-8 Science classrooms for \$213,391.75 from the Instructional Materials Allotment funds.

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