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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Mike Martindale, Deputy Superintendent

Date: March 7, 2018

Subject: STEMscopes Science Instructional Online Resources

Agenda Item: J - 6

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, in 2017 included STEMscopes for grades K-8. The resources associated with STEMscopes included lab activities, online resources, and consumable kits for labs for each teacher and classroom for grades K-8. These materials were provided for just one year.

After the evaluation of these materials by the district, an additional one year of the online resources component is being requested by the Curriculum Department. 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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It is the recommendation of Mark Pantel, Director of Purchasing, and Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer, that we request these funds from TEA and purchase the online resources from STEMscopes for K-8 Science classrooms for \$66,167.50 for the 2018-19 school year.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the online resources from STEMscopes for K-8 Science classrooms for \$66,167.50 using Instructional Materials Allotment funds.

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