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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent

From: Mike Martindale, Deputy Superintendent

Date: May 13, 2019

Subject: STEMscopes Science Instructional Online Resources

Agenda Item: J – 2.

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 continues to evaluate our student data and recognizes a continued need for additional resources for teaching science.

The additional resources recommended by Amanda Gibson, District Science Coordinator, in 2017-18 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. In 2018-19, the district continued use of the same STEMscope online resources utilized from the previous year.

After the evaluation of these materials by the district, an additional year of the current online resources component is being requested by the curriculum department, with the addition of the online resources for biology and chemistry for our high schools. 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 Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing, and Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer, that we request these funds from TEA to purchase the online resources from STEMscopes for K-8 science classrooms and biology and chemistry for our high schools in the amount of \$75,687.50 for the 2019-20 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 and biology and chemistry for our high schools in the amount of \$75,687.50 using Instructional Materials Allotment Funds.

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