




College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Mike Martindale, Superintendent

From: Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer 

Date: July 21, 2020

Subject: Purchasing an annual license for *Active Classroom* using IMA funds

Agenda Item: J-5.

BACKGROUND

Active Classroom is an integrated digital curriculum resource, offering teacher and student access to materials that can be delivered digitally or printed and used in the classroom. Fundamentally, it is a TEKS-aligned database of diverse learning activities including readings (many of which are leveled to support differentiation), video clips, inquiry activities, excerpted primary and secondary source documents, map activities, and embedded assessments. It includes a robust support tool that allows text-to-speech, dictionary access, and word-based translation. Digitally accessed materials can be integrated into Schoology and allow students the option to interact with the materials and submit their responses through the *Active Classroom* platform for teachers to grade. These resources will support differentiated instruction and experiential learning for students while also supporting teacher planning and assessment time.

RECOMMENDATION

Given the positive results of the 6-week trial with our secondary social studies curriculum writers, we recommend the purchase of a license to Social Studies School Service's *Active Classroom* platform for social studies teachers and students in grades 5-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. This purchase will cost \$51,793.92 from Instructional Materials Allotment funds.