



# College Station Independent School District

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*Success...each life...each day...each hour*

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Mike Martindale, Superintendent

From: Amy Drozd, Chief Financial Officer *[Signature]*

Date: June 10, 2021

Subject: STEMscopes Science Instructional Online Resources Renewal

Agenda Item: J – 1.

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## **Background**

STEMscopes is an online teacher and student resource that provides the backbone of our science resource materials for lesson design. It consists of comprehensive digital resources, supplemental print materials, and hands-on exploration that drives engagement and academic growth. Each unit includes a wealth of opportunities for students that not only cover the science TEKS with depth but also provide intentional cross-curricular learning experiences that help build bridges of connection between the content areas.

These online resources are available on the Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative Contract #19/038KC-01. Choice Partners is a purchasing cooperative with contracts that have been competitively bid and meet the competitive bid requirements stipulated in the Texas Government Code, Section 791.025, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR Part 200 for federal funds expenditures.

It is the recommendation of Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing and Dr. Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer, that we purchase STEMscopes from Accelerate Learning Inc. for 3 years in the amount of \$219,967.50 per Choice Partners Contract #19/038KC-01 using the Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) Fund.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve the renewal of STEMscopes from Accelerate Learning Inc. in the amount of \$219,967.50 per Choice Partners Contract #19/038KC-01 for a three (3) year period using the Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA) Fund.