BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Wichita Public Schools
Date: June 13, 2022

Topic: News-2-You, Unique Learning System n2y, LLC (Renewal)

Background Information: The school district currently has an annual subscription agreement to two different instructional materials from the company known as News-2-You or n2y. Those two instructional materials are the Unique Learning System and News-2-You. Both instructional materials are highly adapted and visually supported. These instructional materials are typically used to provide instruction to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who receive special education services and who have the greatest support needs. These instructional materials are used in our school district and have been made available to our Categorical Teachers in the special education programs of Academic Life Skills and Mixed Abilities. Teachers at our special day schools of Dunlap Transition Campus at Chisholm and Levy Special Education Center also have access to these instructional materials. Some of our district Speech-Language Pathologists also access these tools to support our students.

The Unique Learning System is a core content instructional material system based on grade level standards that apply to all students. It is divided into the following grade level bands: PreK, K-2,3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Transition. The Unique Learning System follows a monthly theme with approximately 30 instructional lessons provided across 20 days of instruction.

News-2-You is a weekly current events instructional material that supports literacy and other content areas. A variety of current event topics are included in each edition of this tool. News-2-You is a supplement to the Unique Learning System.