Appendix 6

BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Date: January 23, 2023

Topic: Lexia Learning Systems LLC – LETRS Volume 1-2 & Early Childhood Materials, Licenses and Professional Development

Background Information:

LETRS is professional development for literacy. It has earned accreditation through the International Dyslexia Association. LETRS is designed to provide our teachers with the knowledge and skills necessary to plan for, instruct and assess literacy skill development. LETRS meets state dyslexia requirements. With LETRS professional development, teachers will learn the fundamentals of phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and language through the science of reading lens. Through LETRS, we are also able to train teachers and instructional leaders to become facilitators (trainers), increasing our ability to sustain the work past the initial years of implementation.

Prior to this request, board approved funds for LETRS were used to purchase materials, professional learning, online licenses, and supplies for a successful K-5 LETRS implementation with teachers. We are seeking additional funds to provide for more professional learning. Our K-5 staff will get an additional LETRS training in April and we now know which staff are interested and qualify to become trainers of LETRS for our district, which requires additional intensive training during the summer of 2023. These two opportunities for professional learning will keep our teaching staff on track for their professional learning as well as support our sustainability plan.