Appendix 9

BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Date: October 2, 2023

Topic: Use and License Agreement – USD259 and Committee for Children

Background Information (History, Rationale, etc):
We utilize Second Step as our K-8 social emotional curriculum. In elementary buildings, there are 20 minutes a day in the instructional block schedule for teaching lessons on topics such as listening, focusing attention, goal setting, identifying emotions, making friends, showing kindness and managing feelings. There are eight themes lessons are designed around:

Key – Second Step Unit Themes

Skills for Learning	Empathy	Emotion Management	Problem Solving	Transition to Kindergarten	Empathy & Skills for Learning	Nutrition	Review

Teachers use the daily 20 minutes to teach skills but are asked to reinforce these skills throughout their day in a variety of contexts such as during recess, lunch and when problem solving.