



Livonia Public Schools

Academic Services

Date: May 7, 2026

To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

Subject: Seventh and Eighth Grade Social Studies Textbook Recommendation

I would like to request to be placed on the Division of Instruction Committee agenda for the May 11, 2026, Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting with a recommendation to purchase new textbook resources for seventh and eighth grades:

National Geographic World History: Great Civilization – Ancient Through Modern Times 2025, from Cengage Learning, 10650 Toebben Drive, Independence Kentucky 4105 for \$135,177.40 for seventh grade social studies. This includes student print materials and digital access for 6 years. Teacher guides and professional development will be provided at no cost.

History Alive! US History Through Industrialization(Third Edition) 2025, from TCI Teachers Curriculum Institute, 3790 El Camino Real #1224, Palo Alto, CA 94306 for \$93,890.00 for eighth grade social studies. This includes student print materials and digital access for 6 years. Teacher guides, Placards and professional development will be provided at no cost.

The funds for this purchase will be from the secondary textbook budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.