

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 21, 2024**

TOPIC: Approval to Purchase Literacy Materials

RECOMMENDATION:

Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of literacy materials including: decodable readers for kindergarten and second grade classrooms from Pioneer Valley Books, Northampton, Massachusetts for \$139,311, books for classroom libraries and for students to take home for Preschool through sixth grade classrooms from Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Scholastic for \$674,000, for a total purchase of \$813,311.00.

RATIONALE:

This purchase for literacy materials is a part of the approved items from the 35j Grant. Last year we applied for and were awarded \$1.8 million dollars in grants to support literacy at the PreK through 5th grades. Previously we have utilized these funds to provide students with books to take home over the summer, OG and Morphology training for teachers along with training support materials, fifth grade student consumable books from HMH and decodable texts for elementary interventionists to use with students who are reading below grade level. This purchase also includes materials for classrooms not covered by the grant and general funds will be utilized for those purchases.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

The funds for this purchase are the 35j grant and general funds.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer

EXHIBITS:

Attachment