



SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

May 4, 2026

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF ONE INNOVATIVE COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWCOMER STUDENTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve one innovative course, Multilingual Acculturation Studies for Newcomers.

RATIONALE: Our district serves a growing population of newcomers, emergent, bilingual (EB) students who face significant cultural, social, and academic transitions upon arrival. Research demonstrates that targeted acculturation support improves academic retention, social integration, and long-term student outcomes. This course directly addresses those needs.

BUDGET PROVISIONS/ACTION REQUIRED: Not Applicable

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