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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Jenny Brunke, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
Julie Odom, Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities
DATE: May 7, 2026
RE: Leman Health Pilot 2026-2027

This memo is:

- Information only
- Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: May 21, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- in previous Board packet(s) dated.
- or attached to this memo

Basic Information:
In alignment with the D33 Long Range Plan, the Leman Health Subject Area Committee spent the spring of 2026 researching resources for an upcoming Health pilot scheduled for the 2026-2027 school year. The Academic Leadership Council recommends piloting Health Smart as the core resource for the Leman Health teachers during the 2026-2027 school year. The resource pilot is a free pilot with zero cost to the district. A quote for a three-year adoption cost was also provided to the district. A three-year adoption would cost \$78,722.51 if recommended to and approved by the Board of Education. The Leman Health Subject Area Committee and Leman Academic Leadership Council will bring forward a recommendation to the Board of Education for a resource adoption by March of 2027, pending the results of the pilot.
Background/Historical Context:
On March 2nd, 2026, the Leman Health Subject Area Committee held resource demonstrations from two companies, Health Smart and Project School Wellness. The resource demonstrations were held virtually. Staff members present included the entire Leman Health Subject Area Committee, an additional Leman Health teacher, an Instructional Technology Coach, a Leman Science Teacher, Julie Odom, the district administrator overseeing the Health Subject Area Committee, a member of the Leman Administrative Team, and the Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning. The team used locally developed review criteria, including alignment with Illinois Health Standards, National Health Standards, Illinois Curricular Mandates, and best practices in Health Education, to evaluate the two resources presented. When the demonstrations concluded, the Resource Demonstration Team indicated above recorded their evaluative feedback and pilot recommendations in a follow-up survey. The Subject Area Committee noted distinct differences in the two resources demonstrated and recommended to the Leman Academic Leadership Council the combined use of both resources for the duration of the pilot.

This recommendation was brought forward to the Lemman Academic Leadership Council on April 28th. The Academic Leadership Council reviewed the recommendation and discussed the benefits and drawbacks of utilizing two resources for the duration of the pilot. Ultimately, the Academic Leadership Council approved the pilot of Health Smart only for the 2026-2027 pilot, with the caveat that if, after the first Trimester of the pilot takes place, the Subject Area Committee still feels the need to utilize both resources, the recommendation could be brought back to the Academic Leadership Council for further review.

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

All active Subject Area Committee work must remain aligned with the timeline outlined in the D33 Long Range Plan for curriculum work. The current D33 Long Range Plan was approved by the Academic Leadership Council in 2024.

All core resources used in D33 classrooms must move through an approval process that includes the appropriate Subject Area Committee, the Academic Leadership Council, and the D33 Board of Education. This process includes both the pilot and adoption of curricular resources and is evidenced by the most recent pilot and adoption procedures for core literacy, science, and social studies resources, as well as self-contained classroom resources.

District administrators in the Department of Teaching and Learning oversee all Subject Area Committee work as well as the pilot and adoption processes.

3-year adoption [quote](#)

Recommendations:

The Lemman Academic Leadership Council recommends piloting Health Smart as the core resource for Lemman Health classrooms during the 2026-2027 school year. There is no cost associated with this pilot.