IDEA Florida
Board Action Item C
February 12, 2021

Subject: Contract for Curriculum Materials and Consultation Services

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Proposed Board Action: For Approval

Executive Summary:

The Florida Social Studies Curriculum Manager (CM) contacted all vendors listed on Florida's state adoption list in order to ensure alignment with the Florida standards for K-2. Additionally, the CM searched for other literacy-based programs (Core Knowledge, Benchmark, Gallopade, Actively Learn). A comprehensive review was completed on 5 programs that were aligned to the FL standards as well as 2 knowledge building programs (Core Knowledge and Lavinia). This review was presented to the Advisory Cohort for feedback.

In the final presentation, the CM proposed the adoption of "Insight Humanities" by the Lavinia Group. They have a well thought out, scripted program that uses authentic children's literature to build student knowledge. Additionally, through student project work, inquiry methods, and virtual field trips, this program utilizes culturally responsive strategies. Three units per course will be customized to expand Insight Humanities for year-long social studies courses. These additional units will more fully address Florida content standards, including geography and primary source analysis skills.

The term of the agreement is February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2026. Total cost for current year is $12,750 for curricular materials and $33,000 for professional development.

Supporting Documentation: Consulting Agreement Lavinia Group

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