

SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Instructional Services



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Board of Education
FROM: Christiane Gervais, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
DATE: December 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Approval of *Lexia Reading Core5* Three Year Subscription

Background

Lexia Reading Core5 is a foundational reading skills program specifically written to the Common Core Standards (CCSS) with carefully balanced narrative and informational text. *Lexia Reading* is always striving to improve students' reading abilities. Here are a few recent customer requested updates:

- Significant enhancements for EL and long term EL students including vocabulary flash cards, picture glossary for comprehension activities and student directions delivered in audio in Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, Vietnamese and Mandarin.
- Enhanced instructional paths for struggling students providing even more effective intervention and increased personalization, student engagement and self-monitoring.
- For teachers with classroom Learning Centers, Lexia provides the information and resources to manage students' activities, organize small group instruction and offline skills practice.

For our English Learners, we have been using another digital learning program, *Imagine Learning*, to assist with language development and literacy over the last several years. Our review of data indicated that our beginning level English learners were making progress with *Imagine Learning*, but our intermediate and advanced learners were not progressing to the same degree. So, for this school year, we only renewed our *Imagine Learning* licenses for our beginning level English Learners and began investigating other programs to meet the needs of our intermediate and advanced English Learners, including *Lexia Reading*. We piloted *Lexia Reading* over two months at all three of our elementary schools. Our intermediate and advanced English learners and other struggling readers participated in the pilot and showed considerable literacy growth in a limited period of time, prompting our decision to enter into a three year subscription.

Fiscal Impact

265 student licenses district-wide each year over three years with 2 professional development sessions per elementary site per year for a total cost of \$24,624, which represents a 10% discount.

Funding Source: LCFF Supplemental

Recommendation

Christiane Gervais, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services, recommends that the Board of Education approve the *Lexia Reading Core5* Three Year Subscription.