

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 25, 2021

SUBJECT:

District-wide Formative Assessment Adoption

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has three formative assessments included on their Adoption List of Formative Assessments. To be included on this state-approved list, an assessment must undergo a comprehensive two-stage approval process demonstrating that it satisfies professional measurement standards and aligns with the South Carolina College- and Career- Ready Standards. During the first stage, a panel of measurement experts specifically reviews assessments based on set evaluation criteria developed jointly by the Education Oversight Committee and the SCDE to determine if the products positively impact student achievement. During the second stage, two committees of curriculum specialists – one for English language arts and one for mathematics – evaluate assessment items as they relate to the state standards. One of the benefits of selecting assessments from this list is that the SCDE reimburses District's for the costs of these assessments, which is a cost of approximately \$243,000 annually for our district. The District is responsible for training and initial implementation costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

A District-wide committee convened to examine alternatives to HMH Reading and Math Inventory currently used in the District. The Task Force evaluated all three of the assessments included on the SCDE Adoption List during presentations in April. The 59-member task force included:

- 39 teachers
- 2 Assistant Principals
- 5 Principals (all levels)
- 1 CIL representative
- 1 SPED representative
- 3 Content Interventionists (one from each level)
- 8 District Administrators (non-voting)

The committee recommends that Aiken County Public School District adopt NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment for use in grades 3-12 effective during the 2021-2022 school year replacing the previous assessments, HMH Reading and Math Inventory.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the adoption of NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) as the district-wide formative assessment

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