

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
December 8, 2015

SUBJECT:

Read 180 and System 44 Reading Interventions

BACKGROUND:

The fall 2015 administration of Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) demonstrated that a significant number of students in grades 3-10 were reading below grade level expectations. Schools were directed to develop Reading Intervention Plans to address reading deficiencies in their schools. At the same time we began looking for district-wide solutions for addressing the problem.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Executive Directors and principals researched a variety of intervention solutions and visited school sites using literacy intervention programs including Read 180 and System 44. The consensus is that Read 180 and System 44 meet the needs of Aiken County Students. They combine authentic leveled reading material, technology based instruction, and explicit direct instruction by a certified teacher for a blended learning experience.

The one-time cost for district-wide implementation is \$1,875,635, to be paid over three fiscal years. There are no recurring costs since these products fall under the hosting agreement we already have with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The first installment of \$600,000 will be due within 60 days of the signed agreement. The current year's installment will be funded utilizing one-time monies approved at the November 24, 2015 Board meeting in combination with monies set aside for comprehensive remediation in Fund 1. Subsequent years' installments will be funded utilizing the comprehensive remediation money in combination with EIA funds for servicing At-Risk students and/or Aid-to-Districts funds.

ATTACHMENT:

Read 180 and System 44 Proposal

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of Read 180 and System 44 as well as the three-year installment agreement.

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