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September 14, 2023

Superintendent Rich Nye  
Granite School District  
2500 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Dear Dr. Nye:

I am requesting to provide a short early literacy presentation and submit for the consent agenda the Early Literacy Interactive Software in the September 19, 2023, Board of Education Study Session.

The Early Literacy Interactive Software Procurement Committee has reviewed programs to provide interactive early reading software for literacy instruction and assessment for students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades per Utah Code 53F-4-203. The committee recommended materials have been available through the district website for public comment starting August 24, 2023. The scope of work for the software is to meet the following criteria:

- A. Provide comprehensive software-based instruction in reading, including intervention focused on specific skill areas (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension) at a level appropriate for use by students in K-3.
- B. Assess student performance in early literacy.
- C. Place students in appropriate tasks based on the student's performance on previous tasks and assessments.
- D. Generate student performance reports at an individual task level for teachers, parents, and administrators.

Utah Code 53G-4-402 (26) requires the opportunity for opinions to be expressed and reviewed by the Board in at least two Board meetings before approval. I have included all comments submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Anthony", with a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Anthony  
Assistant Superintendent  
Educator Support & Development

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY JARED B. GARDNER, DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING, IS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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Superintendent of Schools

September 19, 2023

Dr. Rich K. Nye  
Granite School District  
2500 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84115

RE: Reading Early Interactive Software  
Programs (EISP)  
\$674,136.01

Dear Dr. Nye:

A request was received from the Curriculum and Instruction Department to conduct an RFP for reading early interactive software programs (EISP) for grades K-3. The intent of the RFP would be to award contracts to all qualified vendors. Each elementary school would then be allowed to select from the awarded products.

The RFP was issued to perspective companies, and we received nine proposals for consideration. A committee of parents, teachers, school administrators, and district staff was formed to evaluate the proposals against the requirements and criteria in the RFP. After an initial review of the proposals, a short list was created, and four companies were found to meet all the qualifications to receive an award.

The potential awardee information along with demos of their products were shared with our elementary schools and with district patrons via the district webpage. Public comment was requested and shared with Board at the September 5, 2023, meeting. Additional comments will be shared with Board at their meeting on September 19, 2023.

Each school has selected their preferred product and quotes have been obtained from each vendor utilizing their submitted RFP costing. Scoring of the proposals and the order amount for each follows:

Vendor	Product	Score	Amount
Curriculum Associates	i-Ready Reading	672.8	\$202,725.75
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	Amira	764.8	\$51,441.00
Lexia Learning	Core5	637.7	\$346,128.00
Waterford Research Institute	Waterford Reading Academy	635.8	\$73,841.26

We respectfully request permission to enter five-year contracts with each of these vendors and to issue purchase orders for the listed amounts for the first year of licensing to each. Funds for the purchase will come from the state provided Early Interactive Software Program (EISP) grant budget.

Sincerely,



Jared B. Gardner  
Director of Purchasing

Approved:

Todd Hauber  
Business Administrator/Treasurer

Approved:

Rick Anthony  
Assistant Superintendent