



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1g

Meeting Date: August 21, 2018

Subject: Approve Supporting Benchmark Advance Materials for SDC Classrooms

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☒ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Public Hearing

Division: Academic Office/Curriculum and Instruction

Recommendation: The Board of Education is requested to approve purchase of *Benchmark Advance's Steps to Advance* for SDC grades 1-6 and *Striving Readers* for SDC Kinder as supporting materials. Additionally, the Board of Education is requested to approve the purchase of "one year packages" of Benchmark Advance Core Materials.

Background/Rationale: SCUSD has adopted new K-6 ELA/ELD instructional materials, *Benchmark Advance* that will be implemented in the 2018-2019 school year. The district has also determined that *Steps to Advance* materials are needed as a curricular materials accommodation for SDC classrooms to support students' growth to grade level standards. The *Steps to Advance* Write-In Student Texts provide gradual steps to complex text. Each week, lessons are designed to scaffold students as they engage with increasingly complex text. The *Kinder Striving Readers* texts are to support SDC Kinder students with accessible leveled texts to support growth.

Steps to Advance and *Striving Readers* materials will serve as a supplemental resource and will provide teachers and students with additional scaffolds that may be needed for students to access the core instructional materials and content standards.

Additionally, purchasing the "one-year grade level packages" will provide core materials to SDC classrooms with a savings coming from not having to purchase the Benchmark Advance "eight year" subscription pricing curriculum which would result in unused consumables in SDC classrooms. The savings for 57 classrooms is approx. \$78,000.

Financial Considerations:

Core Benchmark Advance: 1-year classroom packages for **\$257,527**

Steps to Advance: total is **\$49,763.25**

Kindergarten Striving Readers total is **\$15,079.23**

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career, and Life Ready Graduates

Documents Attached:

None

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

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