To: Dr. Robert O'Donnell, Superintendent

From: Jacquelyn M. Martin, Director of Curriculum; Nicole Steele, Director of Technology; Tod McPherson, Science Coordinator; Jacqueline Saylor, Social Studies Coordinator

Date: June 6, 2018

RE: Recommendations for New Textbooks for 2018-2019 school year

In accordance with State College Area School District Board Policy 108, we are proposing the adoption of several secondary textbooks and electronic equivalents for the 2018-2019 school year. We would like to adopt a core text for the new course, Advanced World Religions. Additionally, we would like to update the textbooks for the following courses: Advanced Placement United States History, Advanced Earth Systems Science, Earth Systems Science 1. Attached is the Resource Recommendation which includes a rationale, selection criteria, and associated costs. The secondary curriculum budget is the funding source for this request.

These instructional materials will be on display and available to the public for review and comment in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent from June 11, 2018 through July 7, 2018. In an effort to procure the textbooks prior to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, we are proposing the adoption of these textbooks at the July 9, 2018 board meeting.
State College Area High School
Resource Recommendation Form

Date: May 25, 2018
Requested by: Jacquelyn Martin and Jacqueline Saylor
Department: Social Studies
Course: Advanced World Religions

Type of Resource: Textbook with Electronic Equivalent (1 year subscription)
Cost: 30 copies @ $60.95/book = $1828.50

Title: Living Religions
Authors: Fisher and Rinehart
Publisher: Cengage Learning Inc.
Copyright: 2017

Rationale:
This text is intended to serve as the core resource for our new Advanced World Religions course (recommended for 11th and 12th grade students). This text met 27 of 32 possible characteristics we evaluated. This text and the corresponding electronic resources aligned best with the course objectives and student learning experiences. This resource approaches topics within the text from an academic and cultural perspective and puts the study of world religions in a historical and modern context.
State College Area High School
Resource Recommendation Form

Date: May 25, 2018
Requested by: Jacquelyn Martin and Jacqueline Saylor
Department: Social Studies
Course: AP United States History
Type of Resource: Textbook with Electronic Equivalent
Cost: 60 copies of textbook & 60 electronic licenses for 6 years @ $138.00 = $8280.00
110 electronic licenses for 6 years @ $98.00 = $10780.00
Total = $19060.00


ISBN #: 978-1-337-78997-4
Authors: Berkin, Miller et al
Publisher: Cengage Learning Inc.
Copyright: 2018

Rationale:
Our current Advanced Placement (AP) United States History text has a copyright of 2005. This updated AP edition meets 22 of 29 possible characteristics we evaluated. This text and the corresponding electronic resources aligned best with the updated course objectives and student learning experiences. This resource includes dedicated sections entitled “A Deeper Understanding of History” and “It Matters Today”. We believe that these features provide teachers and students with an opportunity to view course content from a variety of cultural perspectives, as well as make connections between historical and modern day events. Evaluators were particularly impressed with the quality of the text, graphic representations, and the embedded use of key terminology.
State College Area High School
Resource Recommendation Form

Date: May 25, 2018
Requested by: Jacquelyn Martin and Tod McPherson
Department: Science
Course: Advanced Earth Systems Science
Type of Resource: Textbook with Electronic Equivalent
Cost: 85 copies of textbook & 85 electronic licenses for 6 years @ $134.47 = $11,429.95

Title: Earth Science 15th Edition
ISBN #: 9780134543536
Authors: Tarbuck and Lutgens
Publisher: Pearson
Copyright: 2018

Rationale:
Our current Advanced Earth Systems Science text has a copyright of 2005. This updated edition meets 22 of 26 possible characteristics we evaluated. This text and the corresponding electronic resources aligned best with the new Earth Science curriculum which was designed around the Next Generation Science Standards. This text includes concepts of ecology which have been moved from the Biology course curriculum into the Earth Science course curriculum. Our evaluation team felt this text is at the appropriate level in terms of readability and rigor for an advanced science class. Additionally, they are impressed with the ease and access to the additional digital content to support student learning.
State College Area High School
Resource Recommendation Form

Date: May 25, 2018
Requested by: Jacquelyn Martin and Tod McPherson
Department: Science
Course: Earth Systems Science 1
Type of Resource: Textbook with Electronic Equivalent
Cost: 125 copies of textbook & 125 electronic licenses for 6 years @ $94.97 = $11,871.25

185 electronic licenses for 6 years @ $98.00 = $10,188.45

Total = $22,059.70

Title: Pearson - Earth Science
ISBN #: 9781323205921
Authors: Tarbuck and Lutgens
Publisher: Pearson
Copyright: 2018

Rationale:
Our current Earth Systems Science 1 text has a copyright of 2006. The updated version of this text meets 23 of 27 possible characteristics we evaluated. This text and the corresponding electronic resources aligned best with the new Earth Science curriculum which was designed around the Next Generation Science Standards. This text includes concepts of ecology which have been moved from the Biology course curriculum into the Earth Science course curriculum. This text had a variety of attributes that the evaluation team found valuable to the learning process including inquiry based activities, embedded vocabulary throughout the text, the English/Spanish Glossary, reading checkpoints, and imbedded study guides.