



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

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August 20, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Michael J. Woodall, CPPO, Purchasing Agent *MJW.*

RE: Requesting Permission to Place Purchase Orders to American Reading Company

On June 18, 2013 the Board approved a contract between the Office for Teaching and Learning and American Reading Company. This contract provides each teacher in Kindergarten and 1st grades with a Common Core State Standards toolkit. As this new curriculum is being introduced to these grade levels, it is anticipated that various schools throughout the District will want to provide the same resources to other grade levels. Please see the attached memorandum from Ms. Vanessa Hilton, Director of the Office for Teaching and Learning, for further information.

At this time, we respectfully request your permission to place purchase orders to American Reading Company in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for the period of August 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Funding will be provided through general, federal, internal or instructional materials categorical funds.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Vanessa Hilton or me at your earliest convenience.

MJW/plh

Attachments

Date/Time: August 14, 2013 08:27:00



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MEMO # CIS-DIR-14-004

Contact: Vanessa Hilton
Director, Office for Teaching & Learning
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August 7, 2013

TO: Mike Woodall, Director, Purchasing Services

FROM: Vanessa Hilton, Director, Office for Teaching and Learning *VH*

SUBJECT: American Reading Company

History

We recently contracted American Reading Company to provide curriculum to implement Common Core State Standards in our Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms, using K-12 Reading funds. As this new curriculum is introduced in these grade levels, many schools throughout the district will want to have consistency in their buildings by providing the same resources to other grade levels.

Description

The curriculum available from American Reading Company includes a unified standard-based framework for student assessment, text leveling, curriculum and instruction. In addition, with classroom libraries and online tools, teachers can conduct formative, standards-based conferences with individual students and track their progress over time.

Action Requested

Approval to allow purchase orders to be processed for American Reading Company in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 for the period of August 20, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Schools and departments will make purchases with funding provided through general, federal, internal, or instructional materials categorical funds.

cc: Amelia Van Name Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement
Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Operations
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