



Dr. Dan A. Sims
Superintendent
Action Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Olena Stadnik-Floore, Director of Elementary Services
Susan Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning
(Interim)
Subject: Renewal of Amira Learning

Summary:

Amira Learning provides 1:1 reading tutoring, oral reading fluency assessment, and dyslexia risk screening for students in grades K-5. Amira listens while a student reads aloud, recording the session and generating a running record free of subjective errors and testing biases. Based on the student's reading level, the word being read, and the kind of error made, Amira selects from a toolkit of over 25 "micro interventions" to build missing skills and accelerate reading growth by providing immediate corrective feedback.

Background:

Amira provides every student with an always available, infinitely patient, and highly trained personal reading tutor. Amira empowers teachers with a game-changing tool that can be deployed in the classroom or as homework. Amira's reports provide a granular, real-time view of student progress. As a student reads aloud, Amira listens for mistakes. Based on the student's reading level, the word being read, and the kind of error made, Amira selects from a toolkit of over 25 "micro interventions" to build missing skills and accelerate growth.

Researchers at leading universities, including Carnegie Mellon University, DePaul University, and the University of British Columbia have conducted studies on Amira's impact. Remarkably, Amira accelerates growth as much as giving each student their own certified human tutor.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the purchase of Amira for use during the 2024-2025 school year in an amount not to exceed \$253,000 from General funds.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval:

Superintendent's Comments	Approved/Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved