

BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Bibb County Board of Education
From: Olena Stadnik-Floore, Director of Elementary Services
Dr. Ethel Lett, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
Subject: Purchase of Wonders Practice Books for Students in Grades K-5

Summary:

Reading and writing are complex processes that require explicit teaching and continuous practice. Wonders practice books feature phonics, spelling, handwriting, high-frequency word, vocabulary, and grammar practice for students in grades K-5 during each week of instruction as well as take-home stories. Providing multiple opportunities for students to practice skills and strategies increases their opportunity to achieve mastery.

Background:

Reading and writing are complex processes that require explicit teaching and continuous practice. If students cannot comprehend spoken English, they also cannot comprehend written English. Similarly, skilled writing expression requires automaticity in foundational writing and composition skills.

Wonders is designed to foster a love of reading in all children. Through exploration of texts and daily development of their skills as readers, writers, speakers, and active listeners, students experience the power of literacy. Wonders practice books feature phonics, spelling, handwriting, high-frequency word, vocabulary, and grammar practice for students in grades K-5 during each week of instruction as well as take-home stories. Providing multiple opportunities for students to practice skills and strategies increases their opportunity to achieve mastery.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the purchase of Wonders practice books for use during the 2024-2025 school year. The cost will not exceed \$160,636.85, which will come from ARP funds.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval:

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