

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: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Professional Development Volume 2 Professional Learning Course

Summary:

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) is a professional development course based on the Science of Reading. It is designed to equip early childhood educators and administrators with the knowledge and skills needed to be experts in the areas of literacy and language development.

Background:

The Bibb County School District has implemented LETRS Volume 1 as a professional learning course during the 2024-2025 school year. All K-5 teachers and elementary school administrators have been trained in LETRS Volume 1, focusing on the word recognition skills that are essential for the development of reading comprehension.

The Teaching and Learning Department is seeking to expand this training to include LETRS Volume 2, focusing on the Language Comprehension skills involved in the comprehension of oral language.

Research shows that only 35% of students are reading proficiently, but nearly all students can learn to read. While teachers are the most essential factor in student success, only 49% of teaching institutions effectively prepare teachers for literacy instruction. Teaching reading requires a deep understanding of the processes and science behind it.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to approve the purchase of LETRS professional development for use during the 2024-2025 school year in an amount not to exceed \$150,776.00 from general funds.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval:

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