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To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Meg Schnoor, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
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RE: Request for Purchase - Supplemental Classroom Libraries, Booksource, Inc.



Self-selected, sustained reading has the greatest impact on short and long term student achievement. The classroom library is the essential tool needed to ensure each and every student successfully engages in reading every day. As explained by Fountas and Pinnell, the purpose of classroom libraries is to “create lifelong readers who have the power of choice, the ability to make decisions about texts, the freedom to have opinions, the interesting cognitive activity of thinking critically about reading, and the pleasure of reading.” A high quality classroom library must be comprised of hundreds of engaging fiction and nonfiction texts that give students choices for extended independent reading.

A goal of the Department of Instruction is to establish and sustain high-quality, comprehensive classroom libraries. The first stage in this project was to create “starter libraries” using the FPC Independent reading collections. The second stage in this project is to expand the K-6 classroom libraries in Title I schools. The cost will be over \$25,000 and will be funded by federal grant programs.