



DATE: June 3, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Robert Leri, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: First Read of Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for World Language

PRESENTED BY: Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Information Only - First Read of Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for World Language

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The instructional material being brought forward for proposed adoption is:

Spanish 1: Senderos Level 1 - ISBN 978-1-68005-260-2
Spanish 2: Senderos Level 2 - ISBN 978-1-68005-294-7
Spanish 3: Senderos Level 3 - ISBN 978-1-68005-328-9
Spanish 4, (Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3 & 4): Imagina - ISBN 978-1-68005-701-0
AP Spanish: Temas - ISBN 978-1-54330-628-6
French 1: D'accord! ISBN 978-1-54330-395-7
French 2: D'accord! ISBN 978-1-54330-396-4

Based on the age of our current Spanish curriculum (Houghton Mifflin - *Exprésate* 1, 2, and 3) being twelve years old, and our French curriculum (Vista Higher Learning – D'accord 1 & 2) being seven and twelve years old respectively, the TTUSD World Language department is in line for a textbook adoption for 2020.

After much research and use of trial materials in the classroom, we have found Vista Higher Learning, VHL, to be our best choice for a new curriculum that will guide our TTUSD students into the future of second language learning. VHL is the only textbook publisher that solely focuses on World Language learning publications, unlike most publishers, which equates to highly edited materials by *only* second language professionals who intricately know the process of acquiring a second language. The California State World Language standards have recently been updated as of spring 2020 and all VHL materials correspond with these new levels of learning, additionally adding the ACTFL (American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages) proficiency scales to help students and language educators. There has been very positive student

feedback with the trial use of materials this year and particularly the use of online learning sites during this time of Covid-19.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

State Textbook Funds Will Be Used to Purchase These Materials.

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Attachment: Instructional Materials Description