

Building a High-Performing School District: A System to Support Access, Family Engagement, and Literacy

Superintendent Dr. Dana T. Bedden and his team inspired Centennial School District educators, families, and school board members to come together to select books for summer take-home kits, engaging families and students with literacy.



OUR GOAL

Utilize ESSER funds to support literacy and assist families in building their home libraries in grades K-5. Our plan was to accomplish this through purchasing the book packs to send home.



OUR WHY

Continued commitment to supporting our students through the following:

- Provide a variety of reading experiences - high interest / engagement
- Alignment to College and Career Standards
- Include Social-Emotional [and Academic] Learning
- Increase equity for and representation of our students
- Encourage family involvement in developing literacy skills



OUR HOW

From original proposal, added recommendations to select books representative of *the majority of the district* and to *involve parents in choosing the titles*. Identified stakeholder groups: 1 Administrator Group, 1 Board Representative Group, 4 Student Leadership Groups, 4 Teacher Leadership Groups, 1 Parent Leadership Group

Timeline

- Fall 2021: vetted 3 different vendors for titles, cost, etc.
- Week of February 14: email out to various groups; due date of February 25
- February 16 (Parent Advisory Committee): present options and allow parents to make recommendations
- February 24 (Student Advisory Committee): present options and allow students to make recommendations
- March 1: Recommendations and lists by grade finalized
- March 8 Board Meeting: Presentation and Approval for Purchase



"I chose books based on innovation and exploration and the ability to form bright new ideas and thoughts . . . My father always used to tell me when I was younger that reading is not just fundamental, it's also fun for the mental and having the chance to build the topics for students to learn was very important for me. "

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See more about CSD's selection process

at <https://youtu.be/43t36qD9mro>