



RYAN WALTERS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Ryan Walters

DATE: September 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the "Board") that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Oklahoma	Edmond	Edmond Public Schools is requesting to use textbook funds for teacher salaries.

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

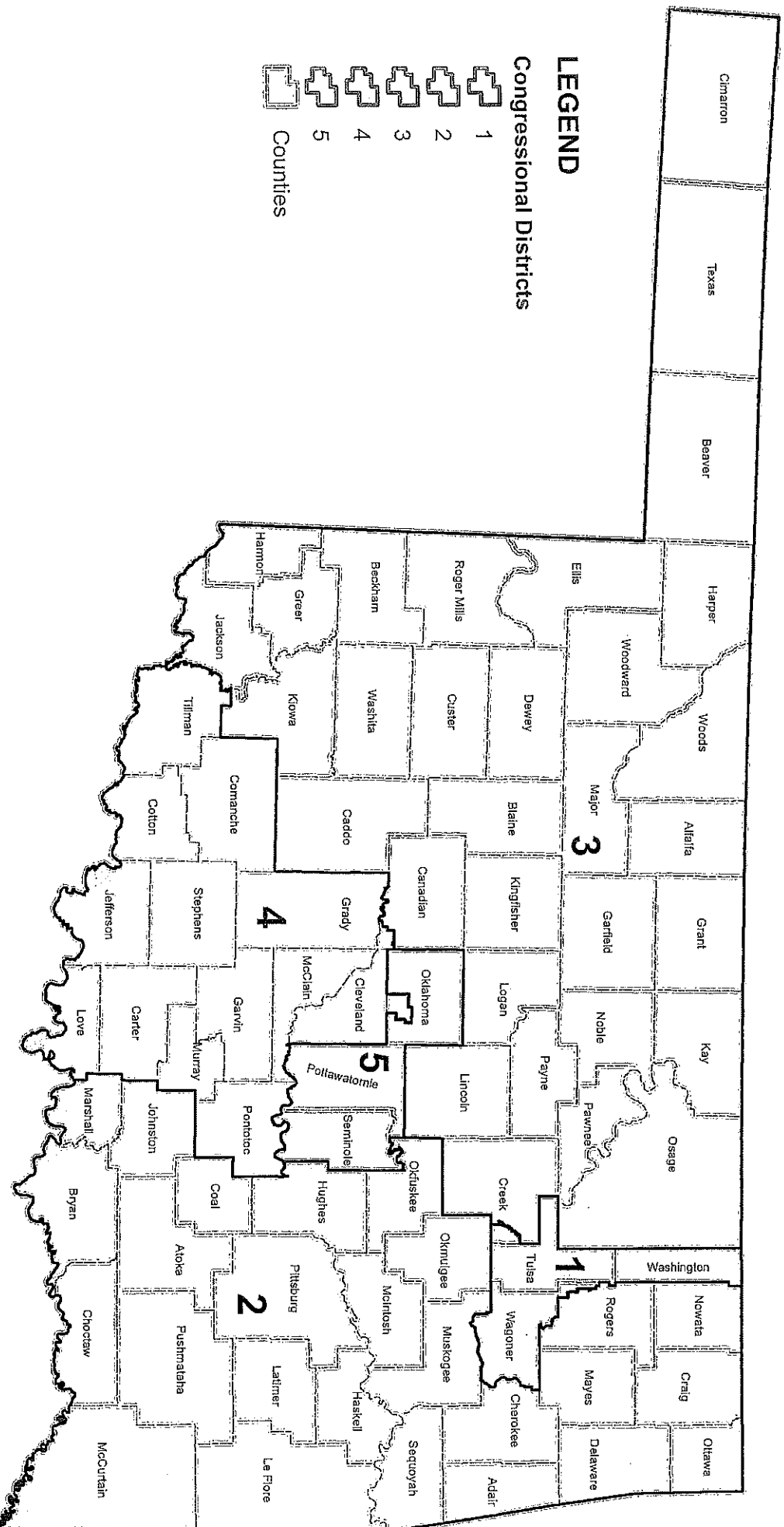
Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Edmond Public Schools request.
- 2) Edmond Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

RP/ab
Attachments

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Oklahoma Congressional Districts Elections

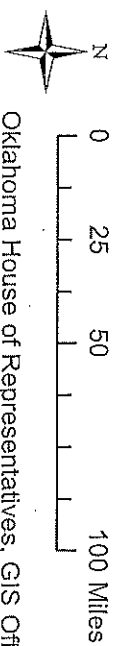


LEGEND

Congressional Districts

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Counties



SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION
for 20 23 - 20 24 school year

Oklahoma Edmond
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1001 West Danforth Edmond 73003
SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP CODE

Edmond Public Schools
NAME OF SITE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* DATE

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Angela Grunewald
SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

angela.grunewald@edmondschools.net
SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

Angela Grunewald 9-8-23
SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our
local board of education at the meeting on September 7, 20 23

Lee Ann Kuhlman
BOARD/PRESIDENT SIGNATURE

NOTARY SEAL →

Judy Pendergraft 9/7/23
NOTARY DATE

2/9/27
COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions)

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

**THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION
IS REQUESTED FOR:**

☒ One Year Only

☐ Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional
requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
3 of 3

ENROLLMENT

☐ High School
☐ Jr./Middle High
☐ Elementary

9-18-2023
District Total
DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. 11p - 114 a
OAC

Textbook Waiver
NAME OF WAIVER

EPS Waiver Application Responses

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate funds that were designated for textbooks and what alternative will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

If approved, the textbook funds would be used to mitigate the loss of state aid revenue in order to maintain employment of teaching staff. Without these funds, budget cuts could be necessary which would result in larger class sizes and less support for teachers in the classroom.

- B. List alternative strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the education benefits to the students; please include textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.

Edmond Public Schools plans to use bond funds to purchase the needed textbooks. Since we have funds available to purchase textbooks, we feel these funds would be better spent reducing class sizes. EPS is current on all textbook adoptions. We plan to use bond funds to purchase textbooks for the 23-24 adoption cycle. We feel the state textbook funds would better serve our students by reducing class sizes than to purchase textbooks that could be purchased with other funding. Edmond Schools is current on all adoptions:

- ELA - HMH & Savvas
- Math - Bridges & Discovery Education
- Social Studies - Studies Weekly/Savvas & McGraw Hill
- Science - TWIG, Savvas, & HMH

- C. Have you been awarded this waiver before and what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

Edmond Public Schools has previously applied for and received a textbook waiver for multiple years. The most recent was in October of 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. With the flexibility given, we were able to use these funds to pay teacher salaries for needed positions to assist our growing district. Each year we continue to add needed positions to address class size and provide vital support to our students in the classroom setting.

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

The flexibility in spending would allow us to leverage the voter approved bond funds for bond-eligible expenses and free up the state funding for payroll expenses that cannot be directly paid from bond funds. This flexibility will allow us to continue to address class size and offer supportive positions to aid teachers in the classroom.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

We will use class size numbers to evaluate the number of students in classrooms with the added positions and without.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

REGULAR MEETING
EDMOND BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 7, 2023

The Edmond Board of Education of Independent School District Number 12 of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, met in regular session Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Edmond Public Schools, Administrative Center, 1001 West Danforth, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Members present: Lee Ann Kuhlman, Marcus Jones, Cynthia Benson, Courtney Hobgood and Jamie Underwood.

Others present included: Angela Grunewald, Randy Decker, Justin Coffelt, Lori Smith, Tony Rose, Debreon Davis, Cara Jernigan, Amanda Younts, Shawn Ingle, Jeff Bardach, Mike Nunley, Dan Lindsey, Jason Ferguson, Mark Andrus, Mike Johnston, Brandon Kysar, Jason Hayes, Jeff Nemcok, Gabe Schmidt, Angie Zieler, Kyle Harrison, Michele Milner, Jennifer Harraman, Chelsea Foo, Shelia Stinnett, Julie Miller, Sam Miller, Julie McDonough, Ashley Sopila, Raymond Glidewell, Patty Miller and Judy Pendergraft.

The meeting was called to order by President Kuhlman. Kuhlman-Present, Jones-Present, Benson-Present, Hobgood-Present, Underwood-Present.

Flag Salute was by John Ross ES; a moment of silence followed.

Motion by Benson and seconded by Jones to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Benson-Yes Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Superintendent Grunewald made comments on the following:

- a. Board Training
- b. Strategic Planning
- c. Start to the School Year
- d. Safety/Heat

There was no Public Participation.

CFO Lori Smith presented the Financial End-of-the-Year Report. Questions and answers followed.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Jones to approve the Estimate of Needs for 2023-24 and Financial Statement for 2022-23. Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Benson and seconded by Jones to approve final plans for Edmond Santa Fe HS addition and authorize bidding process. Motion carried unanimously. Benson-Yes, Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Underwood to approve purchase of 126 AEDs, automated external defibrillators, from Cintas using the Omnia Partnership Coop (Contract #001299) at a cost of \$260,010.87 to be paid from safety bond funds. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Underwood to approve contract with OSSBA to include the review of current district board policies and the presentation of a revised draft of district board policies at a cost of \$7,000.00 to be paid from district general funds. Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Jones to approve on single reading revision to Policy #4401. (Discipline) Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Benson to adopt on single reading Policy #4402 (Suspension) and #4402R (Regulation of Suspension). Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Hobgood to approve Consent Agenda with the exception of items #18 and #28a. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Consent approved:

11. Minutes of the August, 2023 regular/special meetings.
12. Encumbrances #24001624 - #24002165.
13. Financial Reports for the month ending July 31, 2023.
14. October 1 transfer capacities for 23-24 SY.
15. Request of flexibility from the State Department of Education in the expenditure of allocated textbook funds for the 2023-2024 school year.
16. Contract with Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education for Secondary Career and Technology Education Programs for school year 2023-2024.
17. Renewal of contract with Cardonex for 23-24 in the amount of \$58,558.85 to begin building the high schools' master schedule for the 2024-25 school year.
19. Purchase of French and Spanish books from Wayside Publishing in the amount of \$32,461.23 to be paid from Textbook Bond Funds.
20. Renewal of contract with Heggerty in the amount of \$43,652.95 to be paid from Instructional Bond Funds.
21. Renewal of Total Wellness MOU for 2023-24.
22. Purchase of 2 used Blue Bird Vision 71-passenger buses from Ross Transportation at \$78,424.00 each for a total cost of \$156,848.00 to be paid from Transportation Bond Funds.
23. Recommendation for Oklahoma Roofing to repair John Ross ES roof at a cost of \$27,794.50 to be paid from the Building Fund Budget.

24. Special Services contracts:
- a. Lango Deaf & HOH LLC
 - b. OCCC - Clinical Affiliation Agreement
 - c. Teel Oswald, Certified School Psychologists - Psychologist Services
25. Contracts:
- a. Hilton Garden - Edmond North Balto Silent Auction, Feb 2024
 - b. Kickingbird Golf - Balto Golf Tournament, Nov 2023
 - c. Village Travel - Edmond North Orchestra to DFW for London Trip, March 2024
 - d. OSU - Educational Affiliation Agreement
 - e. MTI, West Side Story - Edmond Santa Fe HS
 - f. MTI, Legally Blonde, Jr - Cheyenne MS
 - g. Distinguished Concerts International LLC - Edmond North HS Mixed Choir, April 2024
 - h. Tour-Rific of Texas - Edmond Memorial HS Orchestra trip to Washington D.C., March 2024
26. Declared district property as surplus and authorize administration to dispose of properly.
27. Declared district IT supplies, furniture and property as surplus and authorize administration to dispose of properly.
28. Change orders a-g:
- a. \$93,947.00 *deduct*; L5 Construction; Cross Timbers ES
 - b. \$2,400.00; DSE (Electric Company); Ida Freeman ES
 - c. \$33,012.00 *deduct*; L5 Construction; Edmond Memorial Freshman Academy
 - d. \$56,463.51 *deduct*; Jenco Construction; Edmond North Gym Renovation
 - e. \$11,971.00 *deduct*; Lippert Brothers Construction; Redbud ES
 - f. \$9,779.56 *deduct*; Jenco Construction; Edmond Santa Fe Classroom Addition
 - g. \$3,238.43 *deduct*; Jenco Construction; FFA

Motion by Jones and seconded by Benson to purchase LETRS license/training from Lexia Learning Systems LLC in the amount of \$40,660.00 to be paid from RSA allocations. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Underwood and seconded by Jones to approve Change Order #28h in the amount of \$104,199.26 with Jenco Construction for Will Rogers ES. Motion carried unanimously. Underwood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Y

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Jones to convene in executive session to consider the appeal of a denied student transfer with a review of confidential educational records and transfer request of student A whereby disclosure of any additional information could potentially violate FERPA pursuant to OKLA. Stat. Tit. 25 § 307 (B)(7). Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

- a. Voted to convene in executive session @ 6:22 p.m.
- b. President Kuhlman acknowledged Board's return to open session @ 6:34 p.m.
- c. Statement of executive session minutes by President Kuhlman: In executive session we only discussed what was on the agenda. Nothing else was discussed and no votes were taken.

Motion by Benson and seconded by Jones to accept decision of Superintendent to deny transfer request for Student A. Motion carried unanimously. Benson-Yes, Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Jones to convene in executive session to discuss (1) employment, hiring, appointment, promotion and resignation/retirement of individual salaried employees as set out on Schedules A and B; (2) recommendation for head boys golf coach at Edmond Memorial HS; (3) all administrators, all professional non-bargaining support personnel salary schedules; (4) extra/special duty assignments; and (5) confidential conversations with the board's attorney concerning a pending claim, investigation or litigation a matter where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state law all pursuant to Okla. State tit. 25 § 307 (B)(1); (B)(4); (B)(7). (The Oklahoma Open Meeting Act) Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

- a. Voted to convene in executive session @ 6:36 p.m.
- b. President Kuhlman acknowledged the Board's return to open session @ 8:17 p.m.
- c. Statement of executive session minutes by President Kuhlman: In executive session we only discussed what was on the agenda. Nothing else was discussed and no votes were taken.

Motion by Underwood and seconded by Jones to approve proposed certified personnel actions listed on Schedule A to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Underwood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Underwood and seconded by Jones to approve proposed support personnel actions listed on Schedule B to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Underwood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Underwood to approve recommendation of Heath Steele for boys' head golf coach at Edmond Memorial HS. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Underwood and seconded by Underwood to approve extra duty and special duty assignments for 2023-24. Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Benson to approve administrative salary schedule for 2023-24 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

Motion by Jones and seconded by Benson to approve professional non-bargaining support personnel salary schedule for 2023-24 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Jones-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Hobgood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

There was no New Business (This item is reserved to consider and vote on any business matters that were not known about NOR could be foreseen at the time the agenda was posted.)

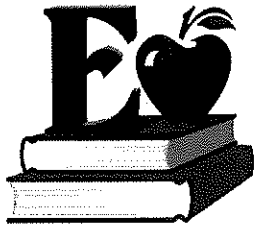
Motion by Hobgood and seconded by Jones to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Hobgood-Yes, Jones- Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes.

LEE ANN KUHLMAN
PRESIDENT OF BOARD

JUDY PENDERGRAFT
CLERK OF BOARD

The agenda was posted at the Edmond Public Schools Administration Center, 1001 West Danforth, Edmond, Oklahoma on Sept 5, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. It is also posted on the district's website.

Judy Pendergraft
Board Clerk and Minute Clerk



EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Empowering all students to succeed in a changing society

September 18, 2023

Ryan Walters, State Superintendent, and State School Board Members
Oliver Hodge Building,
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request a waiver allowing state textbook funds to be used for other general fund expenses. According to 70 O.S. § 16-114a section B, "A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning." The bullet points below should demonstrate that Edmond Public Schools (EPS) currently has a plan to keep textbooks up to date independent of state textbook funds.

- Current textbook adoptions in Edmond Public Schools:
 - Elementary ELA – HMH Into Reading
 - Elementary Science – Twig
 - Elementary Math – Bridges (adopting new curriculum this school year)
 - Elementary S.S. – Studies Weekly & Pearson
 - Secondary ELA – Savvas
 - Secondary Science – Houghton Mifflin, McGraw Hill, and various others for individual subjects
 - Secondary Math – Discovery Ed Tech Book (adopting new curriculum this school year)
 - Secondary S.S. – McGraw Hill, Pearson, & Clairmont Press
- A bond issue passed in February of 2022 provided funds for textbook use.
- Money passed in a bond issue must be spent towards the purchases promised to the voters.
- Last year EPS spent over \$4,000,000.00 in previous bond funds for both our new textbook adoptions and additional textbooks for our student growth across the district.
- We have budgeted \$4,300,000 in current and future bond funds for next year's adoption and growth.

While we are ever so thankful for the reinstatement of textbook funds, we are asking for your permission to use these funds specifically for teacher salaries in 2023-2024. Your approval of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Angela Brunewald

Superintendent
405-340-2830