

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JULY 21, 2020 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution authorizing a one (1)-year contract with the Little Rock School District for the purpose of providing supplemental literacy programming for students at targeted elementary schools in the District as a replacement for Frankly Reading which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

SYNOPSIS

A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Little Rock School District to provide the Lexia Reading Program to students at a minimum of fifteen (15) schools in the District as a replacement for the Frankly Reading Summer Literacy Program that was cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$180,000.00 was allocated to the Frankly Reading Summer Literacy Program for summer 2020; this contract is for the same amount. Funds for these programs are from the 2019 PIT Allocation, Account No. S15C179.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the resolution.

BACKGROUND

Lexia is a supplemental Literacy Program with a proven track record of success that is individualized to all students based on the difficulty of the material and the time to be dedicated to reading.

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Particularly appropriate for year when flexibility is valuable, Lexia can be accessed virtually and independently by students as well as used by the teacher in a traditional classroom to support reading instruction. The term of the contract shall be for one (1)-year to begin August 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2021. The Little Rock School District (LRSD) has committed that students needing intensive literacy work after the end of the school year will continue to have access to devices that allow access to Lexia.

The Commission on Children, Youth and Families met to review the recommendation and endorsed the shift in the strategy for promoting elementary literacy within the City with certain conditions. LRSD is to report back the total of the District contract with Lexia, the portion covered by the City's contribution and the services the City will receive. In addition, there is to be a plan for the delivery of broadband services to students across the District in advance of disbursement of the funds.