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## RECOGNITIONS & WELCOMES

\*Six students were recognized for participating and placing in the District 25 Spelling Bee.

\*Congratulations to all of the students that qualified for the 2020 All-Illinois Junior Band. Ms. Candace Horton is their Band Director.



## TAKING ACTION

**Department of Student Learning**  
Elementary social studies curriculum adoption as presented  
**\*APPROVED\***

**Department of Student Learning**  
Middle School science curriculum adoption as presented  
**\*APPROVED\***

To view this presentation, visit  
[www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting312](http://www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting312)

**Department of Business**  
Extension of the Bus Transportation Contract  
**\*APPROVED\***

**Department of Business**  
Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology Consortium Member Service Agreement  
**\*APPROVED\***

### Approval Highlights:

- The new social studies curriculum, TCI: History Alive, was presented to the Board of Education at the January 2020 BOE Meeting.
- View the presentation from January at [www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting120](http://www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting120).

### Approval Highlights:

- 2018-19 - Committee formed to review and recommend future curriculum.
- Two programs were piloted: Science and Technology Concepts Middle School (STCMS) in the fall of 2018 and Pearson Inspire in the fall of 2019.
- After both pilots, the committee felt confident in recommending STCMS for the following reasons:
  - Hands-on investigations for students.
  - Literacy and mathematics connections.
  - Ability to access materials via Chromebooks.
  - Coherent storylines enhances student engagement which deepens student understanding.

### Approval Highlights:

- Contract is for next year with the Cook County School Bus Company.
- Increase of 6% is reasonable compared to the increase other Districts experienced.

### Approval Highlights:

- There will be \$0 cost to the district for internet/WAN services beginning July 1, versus the net \$18,612/month we are currently paying.
- The agreement will be for 5 years.



## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Department of Student Learning**  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, Dr. Becky FitzPatrick  
Social-Emotional Learning Coordinator, Sharon Nelles  
[Strategic Plan Update: PreK-8 Social and Emotional Learning Review](#)

To view this presentation, visit  
[www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting3122](http://www.sd25.org/BOEMeeting3122)

### Presentation highlights:

- Fall of 2019 the social & emotional learning committee (SEL) piloted the program RULER created by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence.
- After piloting RULER, the committee unanimously voted to recommend RULER as the social and emotional learning approach for District 25 students in grades PreK-8.
- This is the first district-wide adoption of a social and emotional learning curriculum in District 25.
- RULER first focuses on developing adults in the school, both personally and professionally, so they can be role models and knowledgeable implementers of the skill-based instruction for students.
- The goals of RULER also are unique: (1) to create a positive emotional climate and (2) to enhance emotional intelligence in students and all the adults involved in their lives.
- Additionally, RULER offers online resources, including videos, lessons, and family workshops, as well as virtual sessions with a RULER coach to support District 25 throughout the implementation process.
- Implementation: begin with staff during the 2020-21 school year and move to students & families during 2021-22.