



Fayette County Public Schools

Executive Summary Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting Agenda Item

MEETING: Planning

DATE: 5-11-26

TOPIC: Reading High Quality Instructional Resource Contract Renewal

PREPARED BY: Grant Davis

Recommended Action on: Action Meeting
5.21.26

Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes

Recommendation/Motion: A motion to approve the Benchmark Education Company LLC 2026-2027 contract for Benchmark Express, a K-5 English Language Development (ELD) resource.

Background/Rationale: The Board of Education approved the district's purchase of Benchmark Express in 2024. This is the renewal for Benchmark Express, a K-5 English Language Development (ELD) resource designed to promote effective language learning for multilingual learners. The program offers a seamless extension of the district's K-5 Tier 1 resource, Benchmark Advance, by aligning unit topics, ensuring consistency and support between ELD and core English Language Arts instruction. For younger learners, Benchmark Express includes targeted reviews of K-2 foundational skills, reinforcing phonics and decoding within meaningful contexts. Through explicit instruction in grammar and syntax, students gain a deeper understanding of how English functions across various forms of communication. The curriculum is aligned with WIDA ELD framework standards, supporting diverse learner needs and instructional goals. This resource will be used by K-5 EL teachers to differentiate tier 1 instruction and accelerate language development.

Strategic Priority:

- Student Achievement Unity, Belonging & Student Efficacy
- Highly Effective, Culturally Responsive Workforce
- Outreach & Engagement Organizational Health & Effectiveness

Data Considerations: By May 2026, Fayette County Public Schools will increase Reading by 10% for all students as measured by Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).

Policy: 08.01 Curriculum
Fiscal Impact: \$58,890

Attachments(s): Renewal Contract for Benchmark Express