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To Board of Education

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Meeting Date March 27, 2024

Subject Early Literacy State Block Grant in OUSD

Ask of the Board Review the Early Literacy State Block Grant in OUSD report.

Background 9 elementary schools were awarded an Early Literacy State Block grant based on their 3rd grade ELA SBAC results from 2018-2019:

- Brookfield
- Markham
- Lockwood STEAM (previously Futures and CUES)
- New Highland
- Hoover
- Horace Mann
- Prescott
- Global
- Manzanita Community School

These schools were identified as 9 of the 75 lowest performing schools in California in 2018-2019. They were tasked with engaging in professional development to learn more about the Science of Reading and evidence-based literacy instruction. Each school conducted a needs assessment and root cause analysis in order to determine key priority areas for their grant Literacy Action Plan and use of the funds.

Discussion The Early Literacy State Block grant is providing a total of \$5,713,474 over four years, one planning year and three implementation years. Each school has an allocation based on their enrollment for each of the three implementation years:

- Tier 1 Schools (Up to 40 students): \$338,823 over 3 years (\$112,941/year)
 - Prescott
- Tier 2 Schools (41-80 students): \$563,140 over 3 years (\$187,713.33/year)
 - Brookfield
 - Markham
 - New Highland
 - Hoover

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- Tier 3 Schools (81+ students): \$943,848 over 3 years (\$314,616/year)
 - Lockwood STEAM

This report provides an analysis of how OUSD implemented the Early Literacy Student Block Grant. This analysis can inform future literacy work in OUSD.

Fiscal Impact There is no fiscal impact from this report.

Attachment(s)

- Presentation