



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** 12/15/2015      **Superintendent:** David Holmes

**Administrator/Staff:** Anne Urban

**Type of Item:**       *Informational*       *Action*

**Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?**

I am requesting approval to apply for grants through the Laura Bush Foundation to purchase library books for three sites (Fruitdale, Evergreen, Lorna Byrne).

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

The Laura Bush Foundation (LBF) provides grant funding to school libraries serving 85% or greater students eligible for free or reduced lunch. The three named sites (Fruitdale, Evergreen, and Lorna Byrne) meet the eligibility criteria. If successful, funds will be used to purchase library books specifically selected to support the curriculum and reading interests at each site.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

It provides one-time funding to acquire materials aligned to the curriculum and student reading interests at each site. It does not require any matching funds or further obligation from the district.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

Available funds will not meet all the collection development needs at the sites; only three sites are eligible based on the funding criteria, so other sites will not receive support through this funding source.

**List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?**

Future grant opportunities will be vigorously pursued to support collection development at all sites in the district as opportunities arise.

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:**    Yes     No