



DATE: March 6, 2019

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Robert Leri, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Approve Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for Band

PRESENTED BY: Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for Band

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The instructional material being brought forward for proposed adoption is:

*“Foundations for Superior Performance, Warm-Ups & Technique for Band,”* by Richard Williams & Jeff King

Published in 1998, ISBN: 0-8497-7016-5

*Foundations for Superior Performance, Warm-Ups & Technique for Band*, was selected because it’s a textbook that is commonly used in high school band classes. These materials provide students with warm-ups, chorales, and scale studies. Through these exercises, it addresses concepts of intonation, breathing, blend, balance, and articulation. It may be used for beginners, as well as for advanced students. It supports student learning in that it addresses many, if not all, of the foundational skills of playing an instrument. The contents of the book directly apply to the musical literature that is learned and performed in class. It includes major, natural minor, melodic minor, harmonic minor, and chromatic scales in all twelve keys, and written specifically for the ranges of each instrument. For each key, there are various scale patterns, arpeggios, and exercises that may be performed with various articulations. These are the essential building blocks for all music performance. This proposed instructional material adoption will be used by both high schools.

When it comes to music performance concepts, I believe scales, articulation, blend, balance, and intonation don’t change much over time. This book is tried and true. The book we had previously been using, *“Exercises for Ensemble Drill,”* was first published in 1934, so, by comparison, this new book for adoption isn’t that old.” – **Jesse Steele, Truckee High Music Teacher**

*Foundations for Superior Performance, Warm-Ups & Technique for Band* books have been on display in the Curriculum and Instruction office and will remain there through March 6, 2019.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

State Textbook Funds Will Be Used to Purchase These Materials.

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ATTACHMENT: Instructional Materials Description