



AGENDA ACTION FORM

**Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Textbooks and Textbook Materials by Kingsport City Schools and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Purchase and Blanket Orders for the Same**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Final Adoption: May 19, 2026  
Staff Work By: Staff  
Presentation By: David Frye

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**Strategic Focus Area: World-Class Education**

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**Recommendation:**  
Approve the Resolution

**Executive Summary:**  
If approved, the City will purchase a three-year literacy program subscription for the elementary schools from Tennessee Book Company for a total price of \$277,200 and issue purchase and blanket orders for the same along with annual textbook freight costs and consumables.

Due to a gap caused by the conclusion of our prior literacy adoption subscription and delays in the statewide textbook adoption cycle, it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of a three-year Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading® Literacy Program subscription for our elementary schools. Tennessee Book Company is the official State of Tennessee school book depository/distributor. The three-year subscription price from Tennessee Book Company is \$277,200, which reflects a total savings of \$58,540 if the subscription is purchased as an individual subscription per year.

A portion of the funds for the textbooks is currently available in the FY26 School General Purpose budget (\$87,800); therefore, purchase orders in an amount not to exceed \$87,800 need to be issued to Tennessee Book Company to encumber funds for a portion of the needed materials. A blanket order which shall not exceed \$275,000 will be issued for FY27 to acquire the remaining materials as well as cover annual freight costs for new textbooks and consumables.

- Attachments:**
- 1. Resolution
  - 2. Quotes

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
Phillips	—	—	—
Montgomery	—	—	—