

Approval of the 2013-2014 Lindamood-Bell Contract

We are asking the Board to approve the Lindamood-Bell Contract for 2013-2014 school year. This will include:

- Two coaches on site, to oversee the programming, during the summer and school year.
- 80 students grades 1-5 summer school (Lindamood Bell Clinic)
- 40 Head Start students (KinderBoost) summer school
- All classroom teachers K-3 will be trained in Visualizing and Verbalizing (e.g., a comprehension program that trains the brain to image information), and the Seeing Stars program (e.g., a phonics, phonemic awareness program, this teaches students a progression of skills to use for word attack foundations)
. These two programs will become part of the core learning, foundational skills, for all students in Carroll County. It will also continue to be an intensive Tier II and III intervention for the students significantly behind that require catch up growth.
- The coaches will provide lesson planning for each teacher (whole class and small group intervention) based on student pacing needs, and the progression of the skills in the program.
- The coaches oversee the full diagnostic assessments for all students that are in intensive interventions. This data is entered into the system to collect pre and post data to look at impact on student learning. The company is doing an intensive study on our students. This data will be presented to our administrative team and the board. The coaches also provide pacing, lesson planning, and coaching of staff to ensure the program is provided with fidelity, based on what the research says works, to best impact student learning.
- There will be a middle school component provided, to include support for sixth grade intensive interventions, for students not yet ready for Read 180. This will be scheduled into their day.
- The Head Start and EHS programs are implementing this program in all classrooms. Their staff will benefit from the coaching. The goal is for HS four year olds to leave the program next year able to blend sounds.
- The ELL staff will be trained to use the program with our struggling ELL students.
- The disability staff will be trained including speech.
- The elementary and Head Start programs will each prepare two staff members to become certified so that the program can continue self-sufficiently with in house coaching in the future. These folks have been identified and will take the certification course as part of the fee during the upcoming school year. This requires online learning and an assessment in the end. They will be learning to pace students, lesson planning, data collection, and intensive understanding of each program to ensure quality teaching and learning.
- The funds will come from: Title II, Title III, HS/ EHS, and General Funds.