To: Board of Education

From: Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, leading, learning and technology
         Ellen Willets, director, learning and technology

Re: Kagan Cooperative Learning

Date: July 2, 2018

Background:
Kagan Structures are scientifically research based as well as backed by classroom evidence from districts, schools, and teachers experiencing success.

Kagan Structures integrate the most powerful principles from decades of research. Among the many positive findings of this field or research are improved academic achievement, improved ethnic and race relations, improved social skills and social relations, and increased liking for self, others, and school.

The Kagan Structures have proven themselves effective teaching and learning tools for cooperative learning, multiple intelligences, character education, language learning, and emotional intelligence. Below is a link to several research reviews, field data, success stories, and articles supporting the use of Kagan Structures.

Kagan Research

Rationale
During the 2016-2017 school year, a limited number of elementary staff attended four days of Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development to support their use of routines to enhance student success in personalized instruction. The professional development was overwhelming received and an additional two 4-day sessions occurred during the 2017-2018 school year. During the upcoming school year one 4-day session will be offered enabling 45 additional staff to attend the Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development.

Recommendation:
The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development (cost of Kagan facilitator and all materials) in the amount not to exceed $29,160. The purchase will be paid from district Professional Development funds.

Motion:
"I move the Board of Education authorize administration approve the Kagan Cooperative Learning Professional Development (cost of Kagan facilitator and all materials) in the amount not to exceed $29,160.