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Robert Scott
Commissioner

Mr. John O'Brien, Director
Legislative Budget Board
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Ms. Mary Katherine Stout, Director of Budget, Planning and Policy
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Dear Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Stout:

Subsequent to decisions made last week by the State Board of Education, I would respectfully request two amendments to the agency Legislative Appropriations Request. Please accept the following two agency exceptional item requests (attached):

1. **Proclamation 2011 Instructional Materials for Grades K-12:** \$490,703,082 for the provision of instructional materials in English Language Arts, English as a Second Language, pre-kindergarten systems and related subjects to be delivered to classrooms in the fall of 2011.
2. **Supplemental Science Instructional Materials for Grades 5-12:** \$60,000,000 for the provision of instructional materials in science Grades 5-8, biology, chemistry, integrated physics and chemistry and physics to be delivered to classrooms in the fall of 2011.

There are multiple options for funding these exceptional items and the agency would be pleased to share these scenarios with staff as requested.

In addition to these requests, please note that the SBOE also approved a return rate for the Permanent School Fund that should generate an estimated \$1.9 billion in the next fiscal biennium for the Available School Fund that could support these items. Please note that this amount is in addition to the \$1.2 billion distribution from the PSF in the current fiscal year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If my staff can be of any assistance to you during the budget preparation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Scott
Commissioner of Education

4.A. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM REQUEST SCHEDULE
 82nd Regular Session. Agency Submission, Supplemental

Agency Code: 703

Agency Name: **Texas Education Agency**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2012	Excp 2013
	Item Name: Proclamation 2011 Instructional Materials		
	Item Priority:		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 02-02-01 Technology/Instructional Materials		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
	2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	490,703,082	0
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$490,703,082	\$0
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
	3 State Textbook Fund	490,703,082	0
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$490,703,082	\$0

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

Texas Education Code, Chapter 31, Section 31.001 states that textbooks selected for use in the public schools shall be furnished without cost to the students attending those schools. This exceptional item requests sufficient funding for Proclamation 2011 that calls for PreKindergarten Systems, English Language Arts 2-8, Spanish Language Arts 2-5, English as a Second Language (ESL) K-8, Handwriting 1-3, Spelling 1-6, and English I-IV.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Instructional materials in Proclamation 2011 address new content standards that were to be implemented in the 2010-2011 school year and represent multiple materials for students. Student population increases impact the funds needed. In addition, this assumes that TEA's Rider 8 Revision to allow UB authority is approved.

4.A. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM REQUEST SCHEDULE
 82nd Regular Session. Agency Submission, Supplemental

Agency Code: 703

Agency Name: Texas Education Agency

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2012	Excp 2013
	Item Name: Supplemental Science Instructional Materials		
	Item Priority:		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 02-02-01 Technology/Instructional Materials		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
	2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	60,000,000	0
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$60,000,000	\$0
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
	3 State Textbook Fund	60,000,000	0
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$60,000,000	\$0

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

The State Board of Education called for Supplemental Science materials for Grades 5 - 8 and high school courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Integrated Physics and Chemistry. The high school courses will address the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in each course as End-of-Course Exams will be implemented for Biology, Chemistry and Physics in Spring 2012. These supplemental science materials are to be delivered only as electronic instructional materials and are scheduled for review in March 2011, adoption by the SBOE in April 2011, and made available to schools in May 2011. This timeline will allow teacher professional development and preparation to use the materials in the fall of 2011.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

4.B. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS STRATEGY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE
 82nd Regular Session. Agency Submission. Supplemental

Agency Code: 703

Agency Name: Texas Education Agency

Code	Description	Excp 2012	Excp 2013
Item Name:	Proclamation 2011 Instructional Materials		
Allocation to Strategy:	2-2-1 Technology/Instructional Materials		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
	2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	490,703,082	0
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$490,703,082	\$0
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
	3 State Textbook Fund	490,703,082	0
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$490,703,082	\$0

4.B. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS STRATEGY ALLOCATION SCHEDULE

82nd Regular Session, Agency Submission, Supplemental

Agency Code: **703**

Agency Name: **Texas Education Agency**

Code	Description	Excp 2012	Excp 2013
Item Name:	Supplemental Science Instructional Materials		
Allocation to Strategy:	2-2-1 Technology/Instructional Materials		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	60,000,000	0
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$60,000,000	\$0
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
3	State Textbook Fund	60,000,000	0
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$60,000,000	\$0

4.C. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS STRATEGY REQUEST
 82nd Regular Session, Agency Submission, Supplemental

Agency Code: 703

Agency Name: **Texas Education Agency**

GOAL: 2 Provide System Oversight & Support

Statewide Goal/Benchmark: 1 - 1

OBJECTIVE: 2 Effective School Environments

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: 1 Technology and Instructional Materials

Service: 18 Income: A.2 Age: B.1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2012	Excp 2013
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
	2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	550,703,082	0
	Total, Objects of Expense	\$550,703,082	\$0
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
	3 State Textbook Fund	550,703,082	0
	Total, Method of Financing	\$550,703,082	\$0

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Proclamation 2011 Instructional Materials

Supplemental Science Instructional Materials