



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the School Board and Superintendent Holmberg

FROM: Mark Grossklauss - Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

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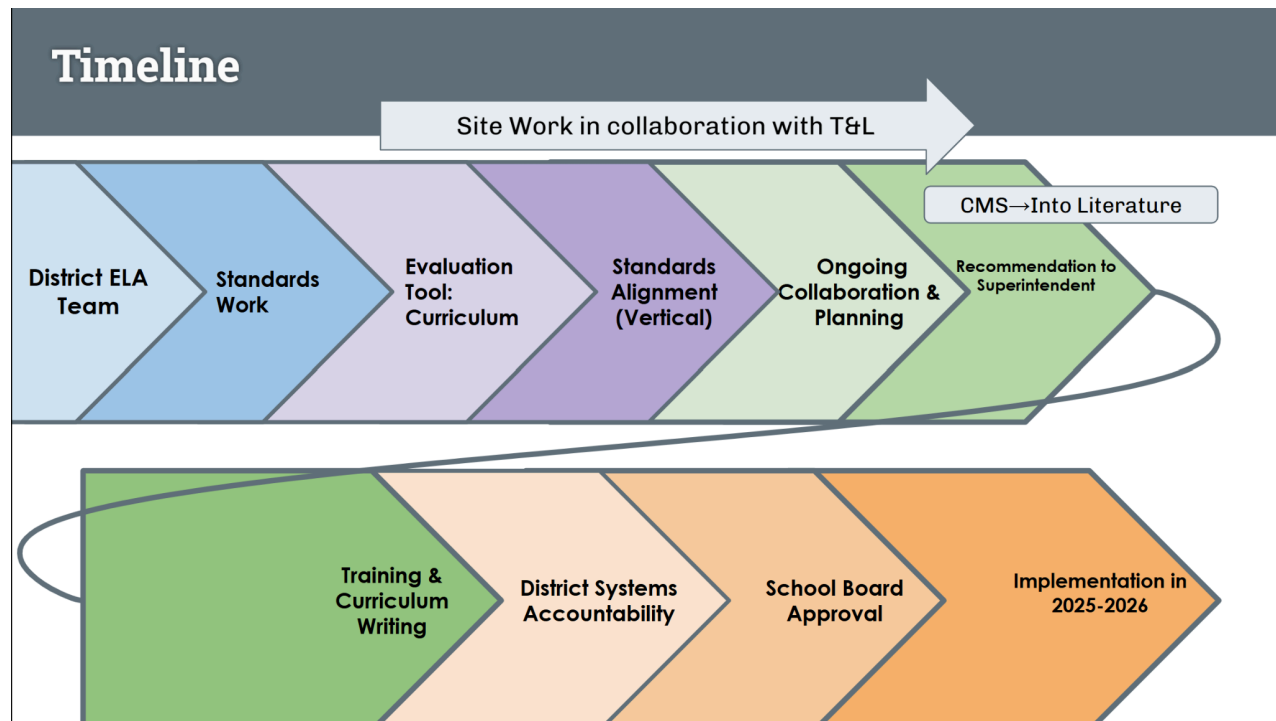
RE: 6-8 English Language Arts Curriculum Selection

Recommend the approval of the purchase of Intro to Literature from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Grades 6-8 - Six-year contract to be used for our English Language Arts curriculum at Centennial Middle School for \$428,613.72 to replace Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Collections.

The Teaching and Learning Department, under the direction of Laurie Shawki and Amy Smalley, worked with teachers from Centennial Middle School to review the English Language Arts curriculum. The curriculum at Centennial Middle School is no longer available after the 2024-2025 school year.

English Language Arts staff review our current standards and look to update standards based on the 2020 MN Standards.

The three curricula selected to review were Arts & Letters - Great Minds, Intro Literature - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and myPerspectives from Savvas. All three vendors provided bids, and MN Statute 123 B.52 Contracts were followed.



The math committee met on the following dates:

- October 8th - Review Principles of ELA curriculum work and MDE 2020 standards.
- October 23rd - Unpacking standards and prioritization of standards.
- Oct./Nov. - Site-based work on standards with collaborative teams.
- December 11th - Priority standard work.
- Jan. - Site-based work on Priority Standards and curriculum evaluation of three options.
- Feb. - Review the evaluation results and curriculum selection.
- March/April - Meetings with HMH about Into Literature.

CMS - English Language Arts Curriculum Presentations by

- Arts & Letters - Great Minds
- Intro Literature - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- myPerspectives from Savvas.

CMS - ELA Recommendation Timeline

- The CMS ELA staff recommended "Into Literature - HHH" for the new English Language Arts curriculum at Centennial Middle School.
- Shared the final recommendation with Superintendent Holmberg.
- The CMS ELA recommendation was presented to the District Systems Accountability Committee on April 17th by Laurie Shawki.

Teacher Representatives

- 6th Grade Language Arts Teachers
- 7th Grade Language Arts Teachers
- 8th Grade Language Arts Teachers

Administrative Representative

- Andrea Krueger - Assistant Principal - Centennial Middle School

Teaching and Learning Representatives

- Laurie Shawki - Coordinator
- Amy Smalley - Teaching and Learning