

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Jeff Stephens, Board President Jon Ritchie, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

DATE: May 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Secondary Social Studies Resource Adoption

In order to meet the instructional and curricular needs of the Utah Core in Social Studies for grades 8-12, we began a resource adoption process in December, 2020 which focused specifically on supplemental digital resources. The RFP resulted in bids for five products. All products, except *ABC CLIO*, were based on a textbook purchase. Since this adoption was centered on supplemental digital resources, only one product advanced to the second round.

A 12-member resource adoption committee was assembled in January, 2021 composed of teachers from across the district, with members chosen to ensure most schools in the district were represented across grades eight through twelve. Additional members included the Director of Digital Teaching and Learning, one secondary principal and the assistant superintendent. Several of the teachers involved also have students in the secondary school setting.

The adoption process began with an informational kick-off meeting on February 25, 2021 during which the instructional materials evaluation rubric was introduced, discussed and revised. The adoption timeline was discussed in detail and committee members were given information about their roles on the committee. Members had access to all materials considered at this time.

On March 15, 2021, the resource adoption committee met again for grade-level discussions, material review, rubric evaluation and vertical articulation. During this session, the five potential products were reduced to the committee's single choice. This session was followed by a publisher presentation on April 13, 2021 to familiarize committee members with the product. Teachers field tested the materials in their individual classrooms from February 25 through May 18, 2021. Each committee member was required to evaluate the materials using a rubric specifically designed to provide a thorough and comprehensive review of the content, alignment, student appeal, rigor and teacher resources.

ABC CLIO consists of a number of individual modules containing specific types of content. These modules will allow access to a wide scope of content. Additionally, the materials can be presented in numerous languages and the product includes many accessibility features to enhance the educational experience for all learners.

On May 18, 2021, all committee members once again assembled to make the final resource selection. The committee was given the choice to select the single product or to reopen the RFP. Following a facilitated group discussion, members voted to recommend the *ABC CLIO* materials. 100% of the voting members chose this product. The committee members recommended eight (8) modules for 8th and 9th grades and ten (10) modules for 10th through 12th grades. The total cost for eight years of *ABC CLIO* for all 8th through 12th grade students would be \$274,032.

Junior High Content Area Subscriptions - 8 Years

| Subscription Product | Cost |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| World Religions | \$19,038 |
| World Geography | \$19,038 |
| World at War | \$19,038 |
| United States Geography | \$19,038 |
| Pop Culture Universe | \$19,038 |
| Daily Life through History | \$19,038 |
| American History | \$19,038 |
| American Government | \$19,038 |
| Total Cost: | \$152,304 |

High School Content Area Subscriptions - 8 Years

| Subscription Product | Cost |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| World Religions | \$12,172.80 |
| World History | \$12,172.80 |
| World Geography | \$12,172.80 |
| World at War | \$12,172.80 |
| United States Geography | \$12,172.80 |
| Pop Culture Universe | \$12,172.80 |
| Daily Life through History | \$12,172.80 |
| Ancient World History | \$12,172.80 |
| American History | \$12,172.80 |
| American Government | \$12,172.80 |
| Total Cost: | \$121,728 |

We are seeking your approval to purchase the *ABC CLIO* digital social studies resources as a support to the curriculum for grades 8-12. The products will also be available to other curricular areas in an ancillary manner. As always, we sincerely thank you for your continued support in helping us provide the highest quality instructional resources to our students and teachers.