

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

DATE: APRIL 28, 2025

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: COLLEEN CARDENUTO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ADMIN.
SERVICES

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 ENGLISH / LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) CURRICULUM REVIEW K-12

COMMENTS:

Thanks to the committee that worked hard during the many challenges and time constraints this year to complete the process of reviewing and recommending new English / Language Arts (ELA) curriculum for adoption. During the 2024-2025 school year, Kindergarten - 12th grade ELA teachers representing our schools reviewed and analyzed several ELA curriculums to determine what would best fit our district and most importantly, our student needs. The ELA Department met regularly to review available and recommended resources, align their curriculum to new state-level ELA Standards, pilot curriculum and attend a community comment night.

The final decisions were presented to the District Curriculum Advisory Committee on April 1, 2025 for discussion. The recommended curriculum was made available to the public on April 10, 2025 for discussion and feedback, and will be presented this evening for your approval.

Members of the Curriculum Review Committee are:

Horace May: Alvina Morrison, Jamie Glen

J.W. Smith: Lori Clifton, Kim Grahek, Margaret Larson

Lincoln: Kimberly Bolte

Northern: Kara Foehrenbacher

Gene Dillon: Cheri Jenson, Emilee Lindseth, Erin Brooks, Trisha Richardson

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Bemidji High School: Jackson Lindsey, Jade Dockendorf, Jeffrey Eudeikis, Jessica Kemp, Gina Bernard, Melissa Bartlett, Paul Goodwin, Bill Merschman

ACTION:

The motion was offered by _____, seconded by _____,
and carried () to approve the proposed English / Language Arts Curriculum.