



POSTPONE ADOPTION OF ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

SITUATION:

The State's Instructional Materials adoption schedule requires districts to have English/Language Arts instructional materials in all classrooms by September 2014. Under Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-1650, districts have the option to postpone instructional material purchases for up to two years. A two year postponement would allow 1) thorough review and selection of instructional materials that address the new English/Language Arts learning targets aligned with Common Core State Standards and 2) a year to pilot new instructional materials in a limited number of classrooms so that "lessons learned" during the pilot and additional instructional resources required for fully implementing the learning targets can be documented and shared with all teachers of English/Language Arts.

RECOMMENDATION:

(14-456) It is recommended that the School Board approve the District's request to ODE to delay full implementation of English/Language Arts instructional materials until September 2, 2016.