



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: June 22, 2021

TITLE: Approval to Display Environmental Systems and Societies for IB (International Baccalaureate) Textbook Adoption Materials for 60 Days

BACKGROUND:

A high school teacher and a high school administrator have determined that a textbook for the new International Baccalaureate (IB) course is necessary and will benefit the curriculum and our student's preparation for the IB Exam and subsequent higher level science courses. After having completed the evaluation process, we are requesting a public review of a new textbook for the District's IB Environmental Systems and Society course. The textbook evaluation was done by the Canyon del Oro IB Science teacher; Canyon del Oro is the only high school in our district that offers the IB Environmental Systems and Society course.

The first step of the process was to determine which texts have been recommended by the College Board for IB Environmental Systems and Society course. Second, the minimum requirements for a textbook to be used in the IB Environmental Systems and Society course were outlined. Once the recommended books were determined and the minimum requirements were agreed upon, two textbooks were reviewed. The following textbooks were evaluated in May, 2021:

IB Environmental Systems and Society

1. *Environmental Systems and Societies* (Publisher: Pearson Education Limited)
2. *Environmental Systems and Societies* (Publisher: Oxford)

Evaluation rubrics were scored individually for the two textbooks. The results were compiled, summarized, and agreed upon by members of the evaluation team.

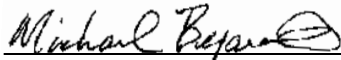
IB Environmental Systems and Society Textbook Adoption Committee Results									
Textbooks Reviewed	Rating by Evaluators								Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
<i>Environmental Systems and Societies</i> (Publisher: Pearson Education Limited)	18	6	9	6	12	6	12	9	78
<i>Environmental Systems and Societies</i> (Publisher: Oxford)	17	4	8	5	11	5	12	6	68

In conclusion, we are requesting a 60-day public review of "*Environmental Systems and Societies*," published by Pearson Education Limited. It is a comprehensive and complete overview of a basic introductory course in environmental systems and society. The text and its supplementary materials are superior to others. It is aligned with the International Baccalaureate Programme. The course is an important part of our District's goal of preparing students for college and career readiness. This book better meets the new standards for this course established by the IB Organization and will make both learning and teaching IB Environmental Systems and Society more efficient. We are confident that the new textbook will help us with those goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of administration that "*Environmental Systems and Societies*" be placed on a 60-day public review.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: June 4, 2021



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