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To: Board of Education

From: Michelle Hilla

Re: Curriculum and Instruction Update

Date: April 7th, 2025

Curriculum Reviews:

- K-5 ELA Curriculum Review Update
 - Our K-5 teachers are excited to begin the new curriculum. Their first full training day is scheduled for our April 21st PD day, with additional sessions planned throughout the summer and into the next school year. We are fortunate to have two pilot teachers at each grade level to support staff alongside our exceptional literacy coaches.
- 6-8 ELA Curriculum Review Update
 - The 6th-8th grade ELA teams will present to DCC this month regarding new texts they wish to integrate into their units. These texts show improved alignment with Essentials 2 and 10 of the secondary [GELN disciplinary literacies](#) and incorporate the durable skills outlined in our Portrait of a Graduate. This update will address several gaps identified during the initial curriculum audit.

Professional Development:

- New Staff PD Day #3
 - Our final new staff day for the 24/25 school year is scheduled for later this month. The day will include visits to South and Pierce Lake classrooms, support for new staff on end-of-year procedures, and their final evaluations with building principals.
- District Data Day
 - The final district data day for the year will take place on April 14th. During this meeting, we will review chronic absenteeism and subgroup data, provide time for building groups to analyze data aligned with their building goals, and begin discussions on maintaining or setting new goals for the 25/26 school year.

SEAB Updates:

- During our March meeting, SEAB reviewed the teaching staff's recommendations regarding the 3R curriculum. The discussions were both respectful and productive, moving us closer to consensus on several key issues. We plan to continue these conversations in our April meeting and aim to hold two public hearings in May to gather community feedback.



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AI Workgroup:

- The AI workgroup met on April 4th to review recent staff survey results and plan a two-hour PD session for the April 21st DPPD day. This session, designed for 6th-12th grade staff, will focus on the integration of AI in education and highlight practical tools that can enhance assignments and assessments to foster higher engagement.

Thank you for your continued support of our curriculum and instruction initiatives.

Respectfully,
Michelle Hilla, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Chelsea School District