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To English Language Arts (ELA) Core Curriculum Grant Initiative Recipients:

Thank you for your participation in this grant. This letter serves as additional information on this grant and supports implementation of the Alaska Reads Act.

The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development offers guidance and support to districts through a grant process to select and implement an elementary, evidence-based core reading curriculum emphasizing culturally responsive implementation methods. The district leadership teams will analyze a number of programs that have already been vetted using evidence-based practices and alignment with ELA standards. The team will narrow the number of programs focusing on the culture-based content, usability, and professional development available. The final four program choices will be determined through a rubric process by December 12, 2022.

The district teams will be working this spring to create an implementation plan. Through the grant, districts will engage in collaboratives with other district teams that adopted the same curriculums each quarter, creating networks of support across the state for teachers and districts to share knowledge, professional development needs, and ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi Teshner".

Heidi Teshner
Acting Commissioner