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DATE: May 10, 2011
TO: Board Members
FROM: David Meadows 
RE: Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide additional information related to the proposed Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project. Ms. Ezell, Dr. Hill, and Ms. Scott have been working to plan and organize this major project. The Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project is perhaps one of the most critical tasks in the process to restore the TPSD to improved academic performance for our students.

By completing the curriculum guides, pacing guides, and common assessment documents, the TPSD will meet the intent of Recommendation 1 of the PDK Curriculum Audit. Even more importantly teachers and principals will have the opportunity to focus on the content of the various courses as they update the curriculum guides. As pacing guides are developed teachers and principals, will be provided time for discussion and planning the most appropriate order for the content to be taught while also considering strategies, resources, and students learning products. Finally, as the common assessment documents are written, teachers and principals will have the opportunity to thoughtfully consider how and what to assess in order to support student learning and achievement.

By participating in the Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project, teachers and principals will be involved in hands on professional development leading to publication of much needed products. Hopefully, the Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project will also reconfirm that teachers and principals are valued instructional leaders of the Tupelo Public School District.