

BOARD MEETING DATE JUNE 18, 2012

POSTPONE ADOPTION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

SITUATION:

The State's Instructional Materials adoption schedule requires districts to have social science instructional materials in all classrooms by September 2012. 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) completion of the identification of K-12 learning targets aligned with the state social science content standards adopted in October 2011, 2) thorough review and selection of instructional materials that address the new social science learning targets and 3) 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 social science.

RECOMMENDATION:

(12-195) It is recommended that the School Board approve the District's request to ODE to delay full implementation of social science instructional materials until September 2, 2014.