



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: The Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

FROM: Helen Wei

SUBJECT: Adoption of Units of Study for Writing in K-5 ELA Instruction

DATE: April 8, 2016

In a memo to the Board of Education and Dr. Carol Kelley, dated March 10, 2016, I proposed that Oak Park Elementary School District 97 adopt Lucy Culkins' *Units of Study* for both Reading and Writing. At this time, I would like to revise my proposal to include adoption of the *Units of Study* for Writing only for the 2016-2017 school year.

Adoption of the *Units of Study for Writing* would allow us to first address the lack of instructional resources and written curriculum for Writing instruction in grades K-5. *Units of Study for Writing* will provide teachers with units and lessons, performance assessments, learning progressions, rubrics, checklists, and exemplars of student work.

In the spring of 2017, I would like to bring before the Board a proposal for purchasing *Units of Study for Reading* for a multi-year rollout, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Budgetary Impact: \$60,000 (please see attachment)

District goals aligned with request: Goal Area 2: Build Collaborative Expertise (Create consistency around formative and summative assessments)