
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Approval of Instructional Materials Adoption for 2020-2021

DATE: April 27, 2020

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Martin Mahan
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Dr. Ginni McDonald
Director of Secondary Education

VISION 2023 STRATEGY: 3. Instruction

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

New standards for 7-12 journalism and health have been adopted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the 20-21 school year. In response to the new standards two committees that consisted of teachers, parents, students, community members, content coordinators and administrators met several times to discuss the current standards and the available resources.

The committee for journalism has recommended purchasing Cengage Writing and Reporting News text and student workbook, and various technology-based equipment that includes Mac computers (industry standards), Dell computers (FSPS standard), camera equipment, production equipment, Adobe software, and Yearbook software.

The committee for health has recommended purchasing CPR equipment and a learning platform called Newsela for Health.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the 2020-2021 instructional materials adoption for health and journalism.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to authorize the adoption of the recommended instructional material for 7-12 health and journalism.

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