September 5, 2025

To: Board of Education

CC: Dr. Jay Morrow, Superintendent

From: Shannon Miller, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Re: 2025-2026 Curriculum Writing Projects Informational Memo

This memo provides an update on the curriculum writing projects for the 2025-2026 school year. These projects are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality, relevant education for our students.

During the 2024-2025 school year, our teachers successfully completed and received Board approval for 22 new curriculum projects. For the current year, we are continuing to work on eight projects that are nearing completion from the previous cycle. Additionally, we are initiating 31 new projects. These projects were discussed at the most recent Curriculum Committee meeting held on September 4, 2025.

In accordance with the professional negotiation agreement between the Board of Education and the United Township Education Association, teachers who develop or significantly revise curriculum are eligible for a stipend. The stipend is \$500 for a one-semester course and \$1,000 for a two-semester course. All projects must be approved by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and submitted to the Board of Education before stipends are paid.

The following is a list of the new and in-progress curriculum projects for the 2025-2026 school year, organized by department.

## New Projects (31 Total)

- <u>Science:</u> Ecology and Field Biology, Physical Science, CP Chemistry, Accelerated Chemistry, Physics (one of two planned projects)
- Social Studies: Geography, US History, CP US History
- English as a Second Language (ESL): ESL 2, ESL 12 Study Skills
- English: English 2, CP English 2, Accelerated English 1
- Mathematics: Geometry, CP Geometry, Accelerated Geometry
- Modern Language: Spanish 2, French 2
- Physical Education/Health: Health
- Fine Arts: Ceramics I, one Vocal Music course, one Band course
- Business: Introduction to Business
- <u>Engineering (PLTW):</u> Integrated Engineering Design (IED), Principles of Engineering (POE)
- Area Career Center Courses (ACC): Early Childhood I, Early Childhood II
- Family and Consumer Science (FCS): Exploring Foods, Foods I
- Special Education: English 3 Self Contained, Physical Science Self Contained

## Projects Continuing from 2024-2025 (8 total)

- Social Studies: CP World History
- English: CP Writing and Reading TE, Urban Literature, English 1
- Mathematics: CP Algebra 1
- Honors Critical Thinking Program: Western Civilization Studies
- English as a Second Language (ESL): Transitional ESL
- Business: Consumer Education