

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
From: Theresa O'Brien, Chief Academic Officer
Subject: ELA 9/10 Textbook Committee Update

I am requesting this item be placed on the agenda for the December 10 Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting in order to update the Board on the work of the English Language Arts Committee for grades nine and ten.

The committee has been working for several years to update their curriculum, as well as to consider a variety of instructional materials options including use of MESSA units, writing their own curricular units or utilizing published materials. With the availability of textbooks funds from the Wayne County Enhancement Millage, the committee decided to move forward with reviewing and piloting published materials.

The committee followed the established Board of Education textbook adoption policy and process. They first created a vision for what they believe all students need in order to meet the rigors of the Michigan State Standards and used that vision to create a rubric to rate the textbooks. They reviewed six textbooks based upon this rubric and narrowed it down to two books: Mc Graw Hill *StudySync* and Pearson *myPerspectives*. Both books were piloted by members of team and the committee decided to move forward with *StudySync*. The teachers requested the opportunity to continue to teach the book this fall in order to answer some of the remaining questions they had regarding the inclusion of grammar and use of novels. As we are approaching the end of the first semester, I would like to update the Board on the work of the committee and what they have determined to be their next steps.

Please consider adding this agenda item to the December 10, Curriculum Committee segment of the Board of Education COW meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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