



River Forest
Public Schools

Administration Building
7776 Lake Street
River Forest, IL 60305
Phone: 708-771-8282
Fax: 708-771-8291

MEMO

Date: 6/20/2023
To: Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
From: Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
RE: Proposed District 90 Curriculum Review Cycle Draft Documents

At the April 17, 2023, Board of Education meeting, a preliminary version of the D90 Curriculum Review Cycle for 2023-28 was shared with members of the Board. The attachments include two documents: 1) The proposed review cycle document the Board members discussed in April; 2) A revised document reflecting feedback gathered during the K-4 Spring elementary listening tour with grade-level teams, survey results from the Roosevelt Middle School department chairs, and input from the administrative team.

Changes proposed by the elementary grade-level teams reflect their interest in attaining a balance between new curricula adoptions, allowing time to implement new materials and instructional practices with fidelity, and ensuring they maintain the capacity to participate in future curriculum review committees. Roosevelt Middle School survey results did not result in any proposed changes to the curriculum review cycle document.

As a reminder, this document serves a range of purposes that include, but are not limited to:

- Intentional allocation and distribution of district funds over time
- Tracking of vendor contracts
- Periodic review of educational research, instructional best practices, and release of new or revised instructional materials
- Professional development planning
- Evaluation and monitoring of curriculum implementation, instructional practices, and student engagement

Much like financial projections, multi-year timelines can be impacted by unforeseen circumstances. Factors that could potentially influence a revision of the proposed curriculum review cycle include the following:

- New or updated Illinois State Board of Education curriculum mandates
- New or updated Illinois State Board of Education pedagogical guidance
- Need to extend implementation time of previously adopted instructional materials
- Grade level or department request to reprioritize the timeline
- Timing the review to align with the publication of new or revised instructional materials
- Limited capacity due to volume of other District 90 initiatives