



MEMORANDUM

To: Clark Ealy, Superintendent *MEJ 4/17/15*
From: Kelly Kovacs, Director of Instruction and Leadership Development *Kovacs*
Date: April 16, 2015
Re: Textbook Adoptions for 2015-2016
Agenda Item: H-3

Background

The adoption of textbooks is instituted by the Texas Education Agency on a cycle for each of the content areas taught in our schools. This year the adoption cycle focused on the following areas:

- Mathematics 9-12
- Social Studies K-12
- Social Studies Spanish K-5
- Fine Arts K-12

Copies and/or online access to the proposed textbooks and supplemental materials for each of the area adoptions were made available to the Instructional Materials Committee Members who were then asked to review, share, and discuss the options with their campus instructors.

Three District Instructional Materials Adoption Committees were formed. The Social Studies Instructional Materials Selection Committee consisted of A&M Consolidated High School, College Station High School, A&M Consolidated Middle School, College Station Middle School, Cypress Grove and Oakwood and all elementary schools representatives. The Math Instructional Materials Selection Committee was represented by both AMCHS and CSHS. A representative group of fine arts teachers from our elementary campuses, along with representatives from all of the secondary campuses were members of the Fine Arts Instructional Materials Selection Committee. Appropriate personnel represented their campuses for our bilingual classes. The goal of these committees, in addition to making appropriate selections for their classrooms, was to attain consistency across grade levels and vertical alignment between the grade levels where feasible and appropriate.

Opportunities for public input were offered through a week long window for public viewings at the College Station ISD Administrative Offices. Hours were offered on March 2nd-6th (8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. each day). Information was posted on the CSISD website and online access to the materials was available to those who may not be able to stop by and view the materials. No one made an appointment or asked for the online access to the samples to provide input.

At the final District Textbook Committee meetings, each Instructional Materials Selection Team formulated the recommendations. The instructional materials recommended by the District Instructional Materials Committees for Proclamation 2015 are attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the CSISD School Board approve the Committees' list of instructional materials for adoption as presented.