

Proposal

School Board Agenda Item

Topic:	Adoption of Elementary Social Studies Instructional Materials
Policy Number:	2311P Instructional Materials Selection
Strategic Plan Goal:	Student Achievement
Text of suggested changes, modifications, additions:	Adopt new textbooks, trade books, and other instructional materials for elementary social studies: --Harcourt Social Studies (2007) – Grades K, 1, 2, 3, & 5; and --Houghton Mifflin Washington State Studies (2008) – Grade 4
Monetary impact:	\$680,000
Statement of problem/issue:	<p>Our current elementary social studies textbooks have a 1987 copyright, making them over 20 years old. With the state’s new grade level expectations for social studies and RCW 28A.230.095 which provides for classroom based assessments in social studies with a special assessment in the area of civics, our district’s current instructional materials are inadequate resources for our teachers to prepare students for state standards.</p> <p>The proposed instructional materials, which address the state’s new grade level expectations, including the civics expectations, will help prepare our students to meet these new requirements and become productive and responsible citizens.</p>

*Packets of background information pertaining to the adoption will be available from Chris Popich on Wednesday, May 7. Key components of the social studies materials will be available for review in the Educational Service Center beginning in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 7 (see Jean Bilyeu in the Curriculum Department).