

June 22, 2015

Agenda Item Summary

To: Dr. Bobbi F. Johnson, Division Superintendent

From: Robert Hauman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology
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RE: *World Languages Textbook Adoption*

Area of Responsibility/Oversight: Curriculum and Instruction

Background Information:

Due to changes in the Standards of Learning for English, Math, Science and Social Studies, emphasis was placed on replacing these books prior to replacing World Language textbooks. Language textbooks were last adopted in 2004. Not only are the books showing their age, the content is becoming dated and less relevant to students. Publishers of World Language textbooks are limited so selection was more challenging. Textbooks were reviewed by teachers, parents, students, community members and administrators. They were on public review in all of the schools. Not public comments were received.

Current Considerations:

Recommended publisher for Spanish Levels 1-4 (Grades 6-12): McGraw Hill
The estimated cost for full adoption is \$138,899.68 including shipping

Recommended publisher for French Levels 1-3 (Grades 9-12) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Holt
The estimated cost for limited adoption \$33,707.21 including shipping
*The French Level 4 text from HMHH was not recommended and others are still under review.

We are not recommending the selection of a specific German text at this time.

Budget Category/Acct. No: Instruction/Textbook Account

Timeline for Action(s): June, 2015

Legal/Policy Reference: IIAA

