



NEWS RELEASE

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Textbook options for middle school and high school language arts available for public review

The District 6 Language Arts Curriculum Committee has selected several potential textbooks for use next school year in middle and high school language arts classes and invites the public to review the textbooks and provide comment to the committee.

The district's current language arts textbooks have been in use for eight years. The new textbooks would be purchased from the current school year budget (2009-10). Next year's textbook budget (2010-11) will not be established until later this spring and may be reduced or eliminated due to the impending statewide K-12 education funding reductions.

Middle School Literacy Textbook Adoption

The three textbooks being considered for use in grades 6—8 are:

- *Literature*, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill
- *Prentice Hall Literature: Language and Literacy*, published by Pearson
- *Elements of Literature*, published by Holt McDougal

An informational open house to review these textbooks and speak with publisher representatives will be held on Tuesday, February 9, from 4:45—7:45 p.m. at the District 6 Service Center, 2508 Fourth Avenue, in Greeley.

High School Literacy Textbook Adoption

The three textbooks being considered for use in grades 9—12 are:

- *Literature*, published by McDougal Littell
- *Many Voices* series, published by Perfection Learning
- *Write Source* series, published by Great Source Education Group

An informational open house to review these textbooks and speak with publisher representatives will be held on Thursday, February 18, from 3:30—6:30 p.m. at the District 6 Service Center, 2508 Fourth Avenue, in Greeley.

The Language Arts Curriculum Committee is made of 17 literacy and language arts teachers representing many schools and grade levels across the district, and Anne Ramirez, the district's literacy coordinator for grades 6—12. The committee has spent two months reviewing available

textbooks and curricular material and narrowing their selection to the textbooks now under final consideration.

The textbooks will also be on public display at the District 6 administration building, 1025 Ninth Avenue, through the end of February. Parents, students, district employees, and other community members can review the books and provide written feedback.

Feedback from the meetings and the public display will be used by the curriculum committee to select the textbooks for final recommendation to the Board of Education. The recommendation will go to the Board of Education in April or early May for its review and vote.

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