

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**March 27, 2012**

### **SUBJECT:**

District English Language Arts (ELA) K-5 Textbook Adoptions for 2012-13

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The District examines and evaluates textbooks adopted by the State for use in the classroom and recommends to the School Board those selected by the teacher committees. Upon approval by the School Board and funding by the State, schools may proceed to order those textbooks from the State Book Depository.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

Upon receipt of the State adopted textbook list, publishers provided each elementary school with sample copies for teachers to examine and evaluate in light of the State standards and our District literacy model. Two representatives from each elementary school attended a textbook caravan on February 15, during which representatives from the publishers presented their programs. After receiving additional input from their colleagues at their respective schools, the school representatives met on March 2 to reach a consensus on the best match between the textbooks, the standards, and our literacy model.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Adopt the textbook recommendations of the teacher committee as submitted to the Associate Superintendent for Instructional Services.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

List of textbook recommendations

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ATTACHMENT

Textbook

Publisher

*South Carolina Journeys, K-5*

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt School  
Publishers