

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 8, 2016

SUBJECT:

Textbook Adoptions for 2016-17

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 teacher committees for our district. Upon approval by the School Board and funding by the State, schools may proceed to order those textbooks from the State Textbook Depository.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Upon receipt of the State adopted textbook list, publishers provided schools with sample copies in the areas up for adoption to review and evaluate. District representatives attended a textbook caravan on January 25, 2016, during which representatives from the publishers presented their programs. After receiving additional input from their colleagues at their respective schools and reviewing the textbooks' alignment with the new state standards, the school representatives met to reach a consensus on the best match between the textbooks and the needs of our students.

There will be two textbook adoption cycles this spring. The current recommendations will be paid using surplus funds from the state's 2015-16 budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ATTACHMENT:

List of textbook recommendations

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## Elementary

### Social Studies

*South Carolina Social Studies, Grades K, 1, 2, 4, & 5* Pearson Education, Inc., p.a.  
Scott Foresman

*The South Carolina Story, Grade 3* Gibbs Smith, Inc.

## High School

### Civics

*Civics in Action* Holt McDougal

### U. S. Government

*US Government: Our Democracy* McGraw-Hill School Education

### U. S. Government AP

*American Government: Roots and Reform* Pearson Education, Inc., p.a.  
Prentice Hall

### Western Civilization

*Western Civilization Since 1300, Updated 9th Edition* National Geographic  
Learning, Inc. (Cengage)

### Human Geography AP

*The Cultural Landscape, An Introduction to Human  
Geography, AP® Edition, 11th Edition* Pearson Education, Inc., p.a.  
Prentice Hall