



MEETING OF: August 13, 2013

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TITLE: Approval of Supplementary Materials for Elementary/K-8 - Units of Study in Opinion, Information and Narrative Writing by Lucy Caulkins

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ITEM #: 7

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Information:

Study:

Action: X

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**PURPOSE:**

To have the board approve the following supplemental materials:

Units of Study in Opinion, Information and Narrative Writing by Lucy Caulkins.

The new Units of Study series is a systematic curriculum that teaches opinion, information, and narrative writing with increasing sophistication and complexity across units and grades. It is aligned with Common Core State Standards articulated writing goals.

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**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Over the past decade, the research done by TCRWP, as well as the work of Danielson, Marzano, Webb, Wiggins and Hattie, has coalesced into new understandings of effective practice. These units of study reflect and model these new insights, especially the benefits of tightly integrating instruction with detailed learning progressions, crystal-clear goals, and responsive assessment-based feedback.

"Until the release of the Common Core State Standards, many educators didn't realize that writing skills need to develop incrementally, with the work that students do at one grade level standing on the shoulders of prior learning. It would be hard to achieve this high level of craft and knowledge if students weren't moving steadily along a spiraling curriculum, practicing and extending skills in each type of writing each year. --Lucy Calkins"

Lisa Thomas will attend the board meeting to answer any questions.

**SUPERINTENDENTS GOALS:**

Student Achievement

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**BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

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**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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