

Prepared by Dr. Tatia Beckwith

ELA Curriculum Pilot Update

Purpose

To present the Board of Education with an informational update prepared by Dr. Tatia Beckwith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, regarding the 2026–2027 English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum pilot process.

Background and Information

- A dedicated teacher team established goal-setting, a rubric for material analysis, and a comprehensive SES #44 ELA Curriculum Evaluation Tool utilizing literacy plans and teacher expertise during summer work sessions.
- The team cataloged current resources, evaluated existing curricula like Wonders and StudySync, and reviewed eight virtual pilot presentations to narrow down selections.
- By the conclusion of summer work, the team selected four comprehensive ELA pilots for grades 2 through 8 and one writing pilot for grades 5 through 7.

Implementation and Next Steps

- Participating teaching staff attended initial pilot training on October 9, 2026, to prepare for classroom integration.
- Classroom implementation and trainer check-ins are scheduled to run from November 9 through February 19.
- The evaluation and curriculum selection process will take place in February and March, leading to a formal teacher team recommendation and presentation to the Board of Education in April.

Administrative Recommendation

This item is provided for informational purposes to update the Board of Education on the progress of the ELA curriculum pilot