



**Hastings
Public Schools**

Curriculum Proposal 6th Grade Social Studies

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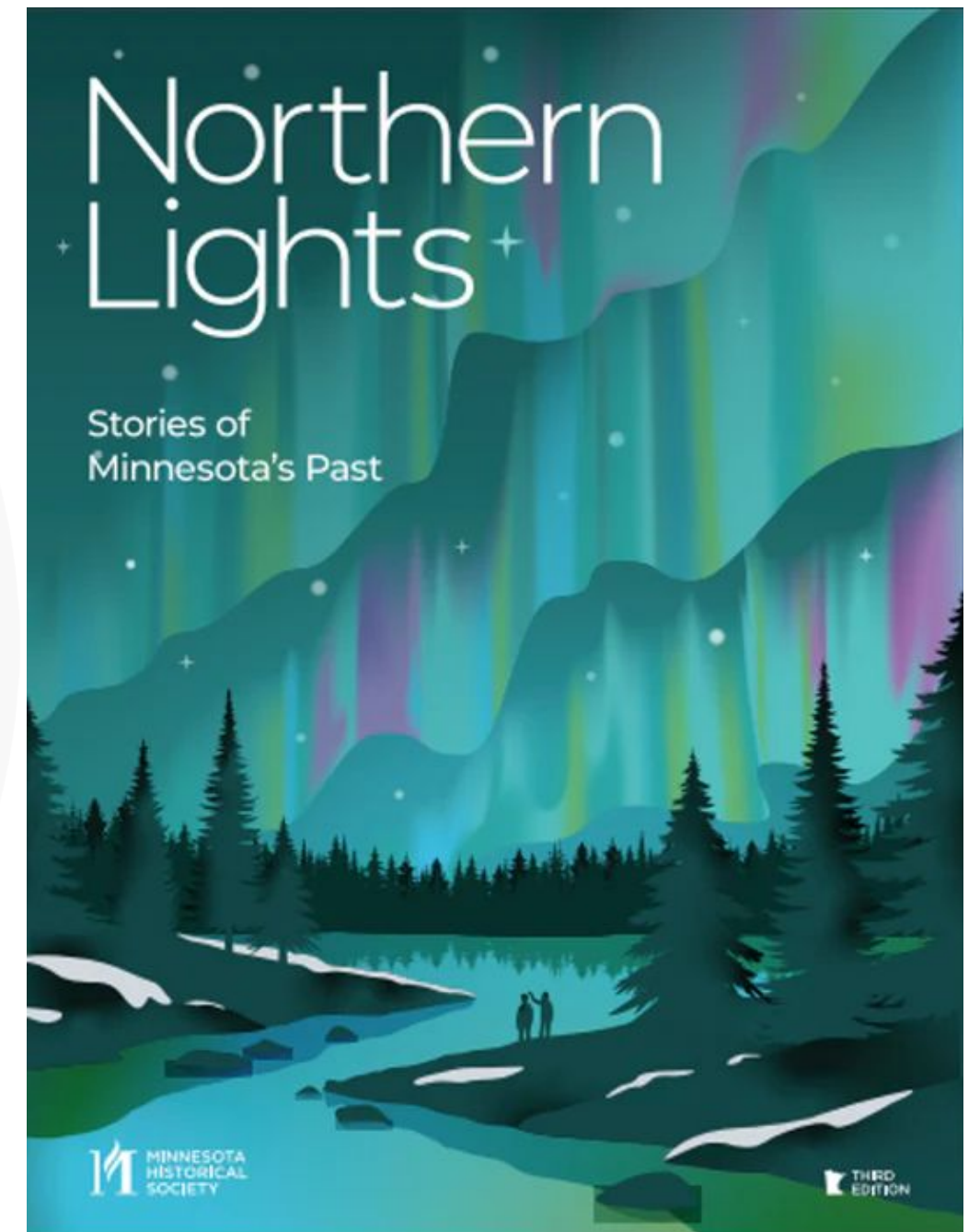
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Curriculum to be Considered

6th Grade Minnesota Studies

Current Curriculum: Northern Lights

Reason: Minnesota Historical Society updated
from Second to Third Edition



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Process

- 6th grade social studies teachers began to review the updated standards beginning in the 24-25 school year.

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The Curriculum

- Northern Lights, created by the Minnesota Historical Society, has been the curriculum, and is vetted by content experts, historians, and teachers. Curriculum is in use at 90% of MN schools.
- The curriculum has been updated with the new standards.
- The new version has updated materials (see handout) and additional units have been added.

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Feedback

- Both teachers prefer to move to the updated version.
- Curriculum would be taught through unit 15 (see summary sheet for Unit Overviews).
- Current purchase of the curriculum would move us to the updated online version at no additional cost.
- Cost would be in ordering 90 student textbooks.

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Recommendation

- It is recommended that Hastings Middle School 6th Grade adopt the updated version of Northern Lights beginning in the 2026–27 school year.
- Next Steps: Review materials provided. Recommendation vote at July regular meeting.



Questions?

