

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Carmen Ghysels, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Instructional Materials and Textbook Sufficiency and

Insufficiency

PRESENTED BY: Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board decide as to whether each pupil in each school has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, that are aligned to the content standards and are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education in reading/language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under California Education Code 60119, the governing board of every local educational agency (LEA) that receives state instructional materials funds must hold an annual public hearing before the end of the eighth week from the first day pupils attend school for that year.

The definition of sufficiency provides that each pupil, including each English learner, must have a standards-aligned textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home. The use of "class sets" of instructional materials is insufficient.

In addition, instructional materials may be in a digital format as long as each pupil, at a minimum, has and can access the same materials in the class, and to take home, as all other pupils in the same class or course in the school district, and has the ability to use and access them from home.

RESOURCES REQUIRED: Instructional Material Funds

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Attachment: Public Hearing Notice 2021-2022; Posting Confirmation of Public Hearing; Textbook Assurance Documentation from School Sites 2021-2022