

TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CERTIFICATION PUBLIC HEARINGComments Sought at September 28, 2021, Board of Education Meeting

Parents, teachers, administrators, students, and community members are encouraged to comment at a public hearing on a Board resolution regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and/or instructional materials. The resolution will be acted on at the Public Hearing on September 28, 2021, Board of Education meeting to be held in the Board Room at 333 South Beaudry, which is scheduled to take place between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Board resolution under consideration follows below:

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Whereas, As a recipient of state instructional materials funds, the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles (“Board of Education”) is required under section 60119 of the Education Code to hold a public hearing and to encourage comment and participation from parents, teachers, bargaining unit members and leaders, and other community members on this resolution certifying the availability of textbooks and instructional materials for all pupils at all District schools; and

Whereas, The Board of Education provided at least ten (10) days notice of the public hearing posted in at least three (3) public places within the District that stated the time, place, and purpose of the hearing; and

Whereas, The Board of Education must make a determination, through resolution, as to whether each pupil in each school in the District 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 mathematics, science, history-social science and reading/language arts, including the English language development (“ELD”) component of the adopted program (“Core Subject Areas”); and

Whereas, The Board of Education must also make a determination as to whether each pupil enrolled in a foreign language or health course has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, that are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the State Board of Education for those subjects (“Required Subject Areas”); and

Whereas, Section 60119 of the Education Code defines sufficient textbooks and instructional materials to mean that each pupil, including English learners, has a standards-aligned textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home in the Core and Required Subject Areas. Section 60119 does not require two sets of textbooks or instructional materials for each pupil; and

Whereas, In FY 2020-21 the District expended \$141 million for Core and Required textbooks (including textbooks for expanding grade levels and newly adopted Grades 6-12 Health and selected World Languages) and in the FY 2021-22, the District has a budget (including carryover from 2020-21) of \$67.9 million primarily to purchase other Core and Required textbooks and newly adopted textbooks for school year 2021-22 and 2022-23 and as of July 20, 2021, the District has already expended and encumbered \$22.9 million; and

Whereas, In August and September of the 2021-2022 school year, all teachers, principals, and Local District Superintendents in the District have provided certifications and supporting documentation indicating whether each pupil in each school in the District has, as of the date of certification, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in the Core and Required Subject Areas, and, in those instances in which the initial certification indicated that an insufficiency existed, that the insufficiency has been remedied; and

Whereas, The District has put into place procedures by which it will address, on an ongoing and continuous basis, reported subsequent identified needs for textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in the Core and Required Subject Areas; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Schools, or designee, verifies, on an on-going and continuous basis, the subsequent identified needs for textbooks or instructional materials, or both, in Core and Required Subject Areas and funds appropriate requests within 10 days of the receipt of the request; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Schools, or designee, will ensure, on an on-going and continuous basis, that orders for needed textbooks or instructional materials or both, in Core and Required Subject Areas will be placed within 5 days of Integrated Library & Textbook Support Services confirming the quantities required; and

Whereas, The Board of Education must make a determination regarding the availability of laboratory science equipment, as applicable, to science laboratory science courses offered in grades 9 to 12; and

Whereas, In August and September of the 2021-2022 school year, all principals of school offering science laboratory courses in grades 9 to 12, and Local District Superintendents in the District have provided certifications and supporting documentation indicating sufficient science laboratory equipment in science laboratory courses offered in grades 9 to 12; and now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles finds that, as of the date of this hearing, for the 2021-22 school year, all pupils in all schools in the District have been provided with 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 the Core and Required Subject areas; and

Resolved, Further, that the Board of Education declares that as of the date of this hearing, for the 2021-22 school year, that all science laboratory classes offered in grades 9 to 12 in the District have been provided with sufficient science laboratory materials; and

Resolved, Further, That the Board of Education declares that it has timely and fully complied with the requirements of section 60119 of the Education Code for the 2021-2022 school year.

APPROVED: Alison Yoshimoto-Towery, Chief Academic Officer Division of Instruction