



**Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District
Educational Services Department
Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Office**

MEMORANDUM

TITLE: Update – ELA/ELD Materials Adoption
FROM: Shannon Baker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
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The ELA/ELD Common Core Curriculum Team that is comprised of teachers, coaches, and administrators has been meeting since July in anticipation of adopting ELA/ELD materials from the newly released state adopted list. Through extended discussions regarding the timeline, it was determined that the adoption and implementation of materials will occur in the 2017 – 2018 school year.

The team realizes that teachers are looking forward to adopting new materials for ELA and ELD. However, the team members decided that there were significant benefits to extending the timeline. Some of the considerations that helped the team come to this decision include:

- Teachers will be provided more time to view materials and complete an adoption rubric leading to a more informed choice for our students.
- Selected teachers at multiple sites will be able to pilot a variety of possible materials for adoption to determine which materials are best suited for our students.
- The short summer calendar creates many challenges to providing adequate professional development due to the 2020 Initiative technology training and science training that is already scheduled to occur.
- Teachers will have more opportunities to explore the ELA/ELD framework.

What this means for teachers in 2016 - 2017:

- Teachers will continue to use the Common Core aligned ELA and ELD materials that are currently being provided.
- For grades 3-5, materials to support instruction of the Common Core Foundational Skills standards are being considered for purchase and use.
- Teachers will have the opportunity to examine and some will pilot materials in their classes during the fall.

If you have questions or concerns please contact a team member and they will bring your comments to the team. The CCCT plans to meet monthly for the remainder of the year and will develop and publish an adoption timeline for the 2016-2017 school year at a future meeting for staff to review.

I would like to personally thank the team for their thoughtfulness and hard work. Decisions like these are only possible when made in a collaborative setting with the support of a dedicated group of educators.

Sincerely,

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