

## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** August 15, 2016  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Amy Neiman, Director of Teaching & Learning  
**SUBJECT:** ELA/Literacy Instructional Materials Adoption

Beginning in January of 2016, an intensive review process of K-12 English Language Arts / Literacy materials was held. At the elementary level, this process included appropriate stakeholders, teacher representatives K-5, elementary parents, and administrators. This process allowed all teachers to explore instructional materials from various publishers. For the “finalists,” representatives were invited to present to teachers and parents. Based upon their input, I confidentially and respectfully recommend the school board approve adoption of the following instructional materials, including associated student / teacher materials, manipulatives, assessments and online resources:

**English Language Arts / Literacy – Kindergarten only**

*Units of Study for Teaching Reading (including trade books)* from Heinemann.

*Phonemic Awareness – Revised English Kindergarten Curriculum* from Literacy Resources, Inc.

**La Center Home School Academy**

*Odysseyware – online licenses for grades K-8*

Respectfully,

Amy Neiman

Director of Teaching & Learning