Monroe County Community School Corporation
Board of School Trustees
Regular Meeting, May 20, 2008

FOR ACTION: Elementary Reading/Language Arts, Middle and High School English and World Language 2007-2008 Textbooks.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following recommendations of the Corporation’s Textbook Adoption Committees as follows:

- Elementary Reading/Language Arts
- Middle and High School English
- Middle School and High School World Languages

Background Information

Each year the State of Indiana requires school corporations to determine which textbooks will be adopted for a designated subject area(s). Textbooks are adopted at different times throughout the six-year cycle and are approved for a six-year period. Handwriting textbooks and Reading/Language Arts textbooks were up for adoption during the 2006-2007 school year, and English and World Language textbooks were under consideration throughout the 2007-2008 school year. The Handwriting Textbook Adoption Committee recommendation was made at the close of the 2006-2007 school year, and at the same time the recommendation was made that the Reading/Language Arts adoption be delayed until the 2007-2008 school year. Indiana code requires that each course listed in the Indiana Department of Education’s Course Description Catalog satisfy the textbook adoption requirement by (1) adopting at least one current or continued publisher title from the Official Adoption list, (2) receiving an approved waiver not to adopt a textbook, or (3) receiving an approved waiver to adopt a publisher’s title not listed on the Official Adoption List.

Elementary and secondary committees, comprised of parents, general education teachers, special education teachers and ENL teachers were established in September 2007 to review and evaluate textbooks. Committee members solicited the input of other faculty members and parents to insure the selection of textbooks was representative of the entire school community. Teachers throughout the corporation attended textbook company presentations, evaluated textbook samples in individual buildings, piloted materials, and shared their impression of the materials they piloted at community forums held throughout the school year.

The recommendations found below are the result of countless hours of work and study by Monroe County Community School Corporation’s teachers and staff. They are to be commended for their diligence in this important process.

Recommendation # 1-Textbook Waivers

- Developmental Studies Center
  - Making Meaning-grades 3 multi-age classrooms, grade 3 Binford Elementary School, grades 4, 5, and 6
  - Developmental Studies Center
  - Becoming a Writer-grades 3 multi-age classrooms, grade 3 Binford Elementary School, grades 4, 5, and 6
    - (Systematic Instruction in Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Sights Words) Program (SIPPS)
    - Waivers for German Level 1 (2040), German Level 2 (2042), German Level 3 (2044), English Grade 12 (1008)

Recommendation # 2-Reading/Language Arts, English, World Language Textbook