FOR ACTION:  Social Studies Textbook Adoption [Middle School and High School Textbooks]

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following middle school and high school social studies textbooks.

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. Social Studies textbooks were up for adoption during the 2008-2009 school year. Indiana code requires that each course listed in the Indiana Department of Education’s Course Description Catalog satisfy the textbook adoption requirements 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 text book, or (3) receiving an approved waiver to adopt a publisher’s title not listed on the Official Adoption List.

The Middle School and High School Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee, comprised of parents, general education teachers, special education teachers, and ENL teachers was established in September 2008 to review and evaluate textbooks. Committee members solicited the input of other faculty members and parents to insure the selection of textbooks/materials was representative of the entire school community. Teachers throughout the corporation attended textbook company presentations and evaluated textbook samples in individual buildings.

Recommendation

The Middle School/High School Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee is requesting the following list of textbooks be approved for use over the next six years.