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MEMORANDUM

Office of the Superintendent

Meeting of

June 7, 2017

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
SUBJECT: English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) Curriculum Adoption:
Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP)

Background

It is with great pleasure that we present to the Pacifica School District Board of Education Trustees the recommendation to adopt the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) as the Pacifica School District ELA/ELD curriculum.

Beginning in the 2015-16 academic year, Pacifica School District began the adoption process for ELA/ELD curriculum using guiding documents provided by the California Department of Education (CDE). Possible adoption options included five program categories:

1. Basic ELA
2. Basic ELA/ELD
3. Basic Biliteracy
4. Intensive Intervention, Gr. 4-8
5. Specialized ELD, Gr. 4-8

A major shift by the California Department of Education (CDE) is to include the adoption of curriculum that supports both English Language Arts and English Language Development. Based on our student population needs, Pacifica School District chose to focus on the adoption of ELA/ELD rather than only ELA and review the Intensive Intervention and Specialized ELD curriculum.

The committee applied the ELA/ELD Toolkit, along with the guides for [Social Content Review](#), [Compliance with Williams Act](#), and the Selection of Non-SBE (State Board of Education) Adopted K-12 Materials (see attached documents). The Selection of Non-SBE Adopted K-12 Materials guide was used as TCRWP is not on the SBE Adopted K-12 Materials list. It also should be noted that after the adoption committee review, it was decided to not select an intensive intervention or specialized ELD program but to continue to refine our current curriculum, enhance the curriculum with support programs/materials, and monitor data. PSD does not have a biliteracy program, therefore did not review the curriculum.

The Humanities Specialists, Katherine Mihalov (who has received the 2017 San Mateo County Reading Association Celebrate Literacy Award) and Lauren Fong will provide a presentation regarding our process, including information as to what led the ELA/ELD Adoption Committee to reach consensus to bring forward TCRWP as their recommendation for adoption.