

Greetings,

I wanted to thank you for your patience the last few weeks. Many of you have had questions and I have had to state that information would be forthcoming. Hopefully, the majority of your questions will be answered with the information provided here. I hope you find this information useful as you navigate the textbook adoption process.

### **Math Textbook Adoption List**

- The Official List of Mathematics Textbooks was approved by the State Board of Education on Oct. 31, 2014. At this time please feel free to contact Tennessee Book Company to request your samples for committee members. Please refer to Form ED-2168, or simply visit the following webpage [http://www.tennesseebook.com/new\\_web\\_12/state\\_information/Samples/Sec\\_1\\_Samples/Sec\\_1\\_publisher\\_results.asp](http://www.tennesseebook.com/new_web_12/state_information/Samples/Sec_1_Samples/Sec_1_publisher_results.asp)
- Attached you will find a “quick list” which lists the textbooks and instructional resources which were included on the Official List of Mathematics Textbooks. There are three columns to this spreadsheet: Grade Band, Publisher, and Publisher Contact Information, and Notes. If you have specific questions regarding this document, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Reviews of Mathematics Textbooks**

- The Mathematics Advisory Panel’s reviews for mathematics textbooks will be available at the following website: [http://www.tn.gov/education/textbooks/reviews\\_section\\_1.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/education/textbooks/reviews_section_1.shtml) . Please share this information with your local textbook review committee members. This is an incredibly valuable tool for your committee members. If you receive requests to preview or review textbooks which do not have a review on the spreadsheet, please be advised these textbooks either were not bid for adoption or were originally bid for adoption and then were withdrawn for a variety of purposes. With this in mind, it should be noted these textbooks did not go through our rigorous review process and therefore may not meet the requirements deemed necessary for use in Tennessee.
- The Screening Instrument used for mathematics textbooks is attached to this email. Feel free to share this with your local review committee members. Please note that the attached document has all three instruments within the one document (K-8, High School CCSS, and High School Further Courses).

### **Local Reviews of Mathematics Textbooks & Additional Important Updates**

As a reminder, as you form your local review committees, please remember that legislation now requires parents to be included on this committee.

### **Caravans**

The variety of options will lead to a shift from the past practice of regional caravans. The traditional regional textbook caravan assumes books are bid by publishing companies with large sales staff. Because the approved books represent a more diverse range of providers (and in order to provide equitable information about all books) we will shift from offering in-person textbook caravans to hosting videos from each publisher on our website. All provided videos will be available [here](#) by Jan. 19, 2015.

In addition, if your district is interested in having deeper conversations with any of the approved publishers, you are welcome to reach out to the designated point of contact and arrange a time to talk.

### **Textbooks Waivers**

- The waiver process will have changes for the mathematics adoption. In addition to this being mentioned at LEAD, we also plan to provide recorded sessions detailing the change which we hope to make available by the end of December (please see below).
- In addition to a webinar detailing the changes to the waiver process, I will be making available two additional webinars which contain the information provided at the LEAD Conference. Topics covered will include the following: Responsibilities of Textbook Coordinators, Legislative Changes to the Textbook Adoption Process, Review of all Forms to be completed by LEAs, the Revised Textbook Adoption Calendar, and a “Walk-Through” of the Textbook Calendar Process.

### **District Adoption Report**

- The Certification of Compliance with TCA 49-3-310 (4) (A) should be submitted by Oct. 15, 2014. You may send this electronically to me at this email address. Please note, the form has changed slightly, so please be sure you use the form found at <http://tennessee.gov/education/textbooks/forms.shtml>

### **Math Textbook Adoption Cycle**

- The Textbook Adoption Cycle has been revised. You may view the new cycle at [http://tn.gov/education/textbooks/docs/textbook\\_adoption\\_cycles.pdf](http://tn.gov/education/textbooks/docs/textbook_adoption_cycles.pdf)

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