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Dear Ms. Noel:

Thank you for the results of the emergency commission meeting regarding textbook substitution requests. We respectfully request the reconsideration of the TDOE staff recommendation for the non-approval of *¡Qué chévere!* 2nd edition levels 1-3.

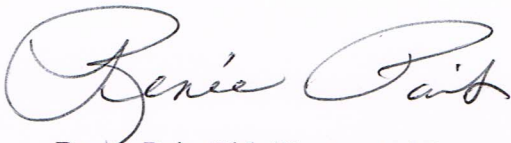
- The TDOE Staff recommendation indicates that the texts align to the 5 C's (Communication, Culture, Communities, Connections, and Comparisons) and appear to be rigorous in nature. And it is our goal to provide the most current materials to districts in Tennessee.
- The 2nd edition has updated cultural resources, technology references, and vocabulary. A list of the updates was provided with the substitution request and is attached again for your review.
- We did not market the *¡Qué chévere!* 2nd edition in Tennessee; however, districts discovered the availability of this new edition and requested samples for review. Customers indicated their interest in the 2nd edition and were advised that we were in the process of requesting permission to substitute the 2nd edition for the adopted 1st edition. Historically, districts extend World Languages adoptions well beyond the adoption cycle due to funding availability. Thus, their interest to purchase the most up-to-date edition at the time of adoption. We advised customers that the substitution request would be addressed at the March commission meeting.

- The March meeting was cancelled as well as the subsequent April meeting.
- In the meantime, districts were still under the impression that the substitution would possibly be approved. As a result, districts did not file waiver requests by the 4/15 deadline.
- The substitution decision delay until this week and waiver deadline of 4/15 have presented a challenge for districts to purchase the preferred *¡Qué chévere!* 2nd edition. The 2nd edition c. 2020 will provide TN schools with the most current Spanish language/culture curriculum.

Please note that the company has not shipped, and no schools have any 1st edition materials.

Thank you for reconsidering our substitution request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renée Pait". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names clearly distinguishable.

Renée Pait, Bids/Contracts Manager
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