Social Studies Textbook Adoption

School Board Meeting
June 19, 2020



EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS

Essential Questions

- Why are new textbooks being recommended?
- What has been the **process** for recommending new textbooks?
- How do the recommended materials align with ACPS priorities and the needs of our students?
- What are the next steps?





Background Information



- VDOE approved new Standards of Learning for History & Social Science, in 2015
- New materials for grades K-2, 6-12 and Advanced Placement Courses:
 - Align with Standards of SOLs, ACPS curriculum and provide digital access
 - Include interactive online resources
- Textbooks for grades 3 and 4 were purchased for SY 2019-2020
- Funding was approved as part of the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Budget



Textbook Process

December 2019-February 2020

March-April 2020

May-June 2020

June-August 2020

- Textbook Selection committee (TSC) and review criteria established
- Request for Proposal (RFP) issued
- RFP committees met to review vendor submissions and narrow choices for TSC
- TSC committees met, gathered feedback from Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and grade level teams
- Vendors gave presentations and answered TSC questions.
- TSC shared feedback with RFP committee and made final recommendations
- Materials submitted toSchool Board for review
- Public review of textbooks

- Procurement Process finalized
- Online access provided to teachers
- Distribution of print materials to schools and teachers
- Professional
 Development for teachers
 offered in August

*Note: The initial timeline was adjusted due to delays resulting from school closures. TSC and RFP committee meetings were held virtually during this time.



Textbook Selection Committees

Participants

- Instructional specialists for social studies, specialized instruction, English Learners, and Talented and Gifted/Honors
- Classroom teachers
- School-based administrators
- Technology Integration Specialists
- **Technology Services** representatives





Review Criteria



- ✓ Align with the VDOE History and Social Science SOLs
- ✓ Promote inquiry and develop social studies skills
- ✓ Provide guidance and resources for meeting the needs of diverse learners
- ✓ Present multiple and diverse perspectives
- ✓ Include high-quality digital resources



Committee Recommendations

- Recommendations for K-2,
 6-12, and Advanced Placement textbooks, instructional materials, and online resources
- Link to recommended textbooks





Public Review



- Online access and directions for review
- In-Person review available by appointment at ACPS Textbook Services (604 S. Picket St., Alexandria, VA)



Next Steps

- **Continue** public review through June 30, 2020
- Request School Board adoption/approval at July 10, 2020 meeting
- Initiate procurement process and purchase of materials





Questions?



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