

Recommendation of Anti-Bullying Instructional Materials

December 8, 2009

Follow up with Teachers

Superintendent/Teacher Committee Conference Call

- Staff and the Superintendent met and conferred with a sub-group of the teachers who were on the Materials Review Committee
- After a finely detailed review of *Open Minds to Equality*, teachers voiced concerns about using the book at grades 4 and 5 in Alameda schools

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- Supported the use of *Links to Literature* and other literature to create a literature list to be approved by the Board
- Supported Caring Schools Communities and Steps to Respect
- Supported the continuation of Lesson 9 until replaced with new literature, teacher support materials

Status Quo for 2009-2010

Recommendation of the Superintendent

- Continue teaching Caring School Community in grades K-5 for this academic school year
- Teach Lesson 9 as adopted by the Board of Education until we adopt literature lists for all six (6) protected classes

Adoption Recommendation

Superintendent recommendation for 2010 – 2011 and beyond:

- Caring School Community for K-2 and continue to use as support in grades 3-5
- Steps to Respect; A Bullying Prevention Program for grades 3-5
- Adopt Links to Literature K-5
- Adopt at a February/March Board meeting a set of literature books to be used in grade K-5 that mirror six (6) protected classes and that will be taught throughout the school year

Next Steps

- Elicit literature book recommendations addressing six (6) protected classes from community members and teachers belonging to and identifying with six (6) protected classes
- Map currently used literature and have grade level teacher groups choose additional books to ensure all protected classes are represented in the curriculum
- Bring list of literature books selected by teachers to the Board of Education for final approval
- Create teacher support materials to teach literature books after BOE adoption
- Provide professional development and launch new curriculum 2010-11

Anticipated Budget

Approximate Cost: \$50,000

- Use Textbook and Categorical money
- Provide teacher stipends/hourly to lead work (\$ 3,000)
- Purchase Curriculum Kits Steps to Respect (\$20,000)
- Develop resource guides and lesson plans (\$ 7,000)
- Purchase of grade level book shelf libraries (\$14,000)
- Professional development for teacher trainers (\$ 6,000)