

Newletter from the ES

Council for Teaching & Learning



January 2024

Dear COOL Teachers,

We know the last few days were freezing but we hope you enjoyed some time in the snow!

In our January meeting we met with Melaika Brown, the Elementary Reading Instructional Supervisor. Mrs. Brown came to talk to us about the new reading curriculum and the process for how they are selecting it. We shared with her your questions, feedback, and concerns and here is what we learned:

- Curriculum reviewers will include over 100 stakeholders from many different roles.
- The committee is looking for a curriculum that will have
 - Explicit foundational skills (similar to RGR)
 - ELD component
 - Differentiation opportunities
 - Resources for ELD Students.
 - Writing resources (this is a requirement)
- Review of materials will happen during the week of February 5-10, 2024 and everyone will be allowed to the vendor presentations.
- The ELA Team will bring forward the new curriculum to the Board of Education for approval on March 19, 2024.
- Two Tier One summer training days will be planned for Summer 2024.
- The goal is to select a program for 3 years with an option for extensions.
- The PreK Curriculum will be included.



We also heard from Margie Lope Moutsatos, Director of Systemwide Professional Learning who talked to us about sexual harassment and work–place bullying. She shared that there is an upcoming training for school administrators and she wanted our feedback on what is important to us that administrators will focus on as it relates to sexual harassment and work–place bullying.

We also talked about the Professional Day on April 22nd and how the day should be structured. Ms. Lope Moutsatos was very open to our feedback, especially how the day can be structured since there is a holiday beginning that evening. We will provide any updates moving forward as we get them.

As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or need help with curriculum and instruction, teaching, and/or learning, [click here](#) or contact me.

Sincerely, Your Representative