

Connecticut Department of Education

Reading Leadership Implementation Council Meeting

December 1, 2023

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Present:

- Dr. Maureen Brummett, Superintendent, Newington Public Schools
- Dr. Michael Coyne, Department Head Educational Psychology and Co-Director for the Center for Behavioral Education and Research (CBER), NEAG School of Education, UCONN
- Kim Healy, Wilton, CT
- Mr. Steven Hernandez
- Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent, Stamford Public Schools
- Ms. Fran Rabinowitz, Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)
- Bianca Rivera, Former Teacher, Fairfield and Bridgeport Public Schools
- Lisa Tomas, Retired Educator

Facilitator:

Dr. Melissa K. Wlodarczyk Hickey, Director of the Center for Literacy Research & Reading Success (Center), Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE).

Staff Present:

- Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, Connecticut State Department of Education
- Charley Hewes, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Education
- Mrs. Katyria Rivera, Administrative Assistant, Connecticut State Department of Education

I. Welcome with Roll Call and Introductions of New Members

The council member Dr. Melissa Hickey, Director of the Center. CSDE, convened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. and Roll Call commenced.

II. Additions to Connecticut's Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Models or Programs Based on the Recent Application Requesting a Waiver of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Models or Programs (Waiver) Process

Dr. Hickey provided a summary of the Right to Read and Waiver Process. She put forward the following:

Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Models or Programs:

- Benchmark Education -Benchmark Advance 2022
- McGraw Hill – Open Court Reading 2016

Compendiums of Curriculum Models or Programs (Continued):

- Savvas Learning Company - ReadyGEN© K-6 (2016) with Wilson - Foundations (2012)
 - Great Minds - Wit and Wisdom© (2016) with Curriculum Associates - Magnetic Reading Foundations (2023)
 - Great Minds - Wit and Wisdom© (2016) with
 - Great Minds - Geodes©;
 - Literacy Resources, LLC. - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum; and
 - Wilson-Fundations© (2012)
 - Great Minds - Wit and Wisdom© (2016) with
 - Great Minds - Geodes©;
 - Literacy Resources, LLC. - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum©; and
 - University of Florida Literacy Institute - UFLI Foundations (2022)
 - Great Minds-Wit and Wisdom© (2016) with
 - Great Minds - Geodes©;
 - Literacy Resources, LLC. - Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum©; and
 - William H. Sadlier, Inc. - From Phonics to Reading by Wiley Blevins (2020)
 - Open Up Resources - Bookworms (2021) with Curriculum Associates - Magnetic Reading Foundations (2023)
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The floor was opened for questions. Kim Healy asked if the programs stated went through the same review process as the other programs went through. She expressed concerns that council members did not review, and they weren't thoroughly vetted. Dr. Hickey stated that these

evolved from the Waiver submissions, they were reviewed using the legislatively-aligned Waiver Tool and assured the Council that all programs were thoroughly vetted. Districts will also be receiving their individualized Waiver Tools. Dr. Michael Coyne asked if the compendium approach represented a percentage or number of districts, Dr. Hewes responded that while he cannot give a percentage there were many districts in the waiver who included their arrangement of either partially or fully having alignment with the compendium.

III. Closing/Meeting Adjourned

Our next Council meeting will take place on January 16, 2024, 1:00-2:30pm.