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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a wonderful school year! Recently, California adopted new instructional materials aligned to the current English Language Arts and English Language Development (ELA/ELD) standards. Last year, Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) established an ELA/ELD Adoption Committee comprised of teachers, site administrators, and district leadership to determine which of these new materials will best serve our students. This group created a timeline for adopting new instructional materials, identified common interests across grade levels, and reviewed publisher materials using an evaluation rubric.

An important next step will occur during the 2016-17 school year. Select classrooms at each elementary and middle school in HBCSD will pilot publisher materials during the fall and spring. Piloting teachers will receive training and support from the district staff and publishers. Teachers will pilot the following materials:

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| Kindergarten – 5th Grade | Benchmark - Advance  
Cengage - Reach for Reading  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - California Journeys  
McGraw-Hill School Education - Reading Wonders |
| 6th – 8th Grade | McGraw-Hill School Education - Study Sync  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - California Collections |

All HBCSD students currently work with materials that support high quality instruction. Those students and families in classrooms that use pilot materials will have an opportunity to work with new ELA/ELD instructional materials. While these new materials may look different, including online resources, class work, homework, and parent communications, they are fully aligned to California’s current state standards and meet the expectations for each grade level.

HBCSD values feedback from students and parents, so please keep an eye out for the following opportunities to share your experience and gain more insight about this process:
- HBCSD ELA/ELD Adoption Website
- Pilot Survey for Students and Parents in Piloting classrooms

We are excited about this opportunity to work with new materials as we continue to support the individual learning needs of each of our students in HBCSD. The ELA/ELD Adoption Committee will review and consider feedback from all HBCSD stakeholders and bring forward a final recommendation for the ELA/ELD materials to the Board of Trustees by the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent  
Huntington Beach City School District