

Textbook Caravan District Collaboration Discussion Guide

These questions are offered as an optional GUIDE to help direct your district's scheduled collaborative time at today's caravan. Consider these questions prior to meeting with publishers today &/or after meeting with publishers as reflective considerations to help with you ultimate decision-making.

- 1.** What are some of your district's weaknesses according to data? What does your district's data suggest are some key standards & concepts which should be especially **STRONG** in a new instructional resource program?
- 2.** What are some of your district's strengths according to district data? What does your district's data suggest are some key standards & concepts that might not necessarily need to be as strong in a new program?
- 3.** Does your district have an internal initiative or a supplementary program which provides adequate focus & resources to certain standards & concepts? What standards might be important enough to consider an additional supplementary program?
- 4.** What do you **LOVE** about your current resource & would want to see represented again in a newly adopted program?
- 5.** What do you **NOT LIKE** about your current resource & would want to see improvements in a newly adopted program?
- 6.** What are some unique factors about your school district and/or your student population which should be considered in your deliberations (ie, degree of EL/SPED population; student diversity; reading scores; experience level of faculty; etc.)?
- 7.** What are some other features of an instructional resource & text series that your team believes are important to consider? (ie, technology; professional learning provided by publisher; teacher support materials; readability of text; engagement of text; etc.)
- 8.** What other information does your team need to arrive at consensus around a textbook program?
- 9.** Based on these & other qualifications, are there any programs which you could mark off your district's list at this point?
- 10.** Based on these & other qualifications, which program could best meet the needs of your students & teachers?



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