

Memo

To: Dr. Melanie J. Oppor
 From: Carmen O'Brien
 Date: July 22, 2015
 Re: Materials Adoption - Request for Board of Education Approval

The purpose of this memo is to request Board of Education approval to proceed with the following materials adoption:

Course Title	Early Childhood and 4-year-old Kindergarten
New Course or Resource Update	Resource Update
Title of Previous Textbook/Resource Used (if applicable)	
Textbook/Material Title	<i>Creative Curriculum for Preschool and GOLD Online Assessment</i>
Publisher	Teaching Strategies, LLC
Copyright Date	
Rationale for choosing this particular textbook/material	<p>Research proves that there is a strong link between early learning and later educational success. If students start their education lagging behind their peers in skills, those gaps tend to persist throughout a child's educational career. Therefore, a strong pre-kindergarten program will ensure that all of our students entering 5 year old kindergarten are ready to learn.</p> <p>Creative Curriculum for Preschool and the GOLD Online Assessment offer a valuable structure and the assessment piece that the School District of Manawa is missing in its current program. It is based in over 25 years of research and is used by Head Start, Early Head Start, the U.S. Army, and the Department of Defense. It aligns with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards.</p>
Sample (either provided or an alternative professional review of the material is included)	<p>http://teachingstrategies.com/curriculum/</p> <p>This website provides sample materials as well as links to independently published research.</p>
Has a completed budget requisition form with all needed attachments been submitted to the Curriculum Department along with this approval request?	Yes