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# Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
Sondra Aguilera, Chief Academic Officer  
Christie Herrera, Executive Director ECE  
LaWanda Wesley, Director of Quality Enhancement & Professional Development

**Meeting Date** June 16, 2021

**Subject** Recommendation for adoption for preschool curriculum

**Ask of the Board** Adoption by the Board of Education of the curricular materials, Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies, for all Preschool programs in OUSD.

**Background** The current Big Day for PreK Curriculum is sunseting at the end of this academic school year (2020-2021 school) and will no longer exist via online and/or physical materials for replacement or to be ordered for new teachers and/or classrooms.

**Discussion** Providing equitable access to standards-based curriculum is a central component of OUSD’s work to ensure all preschool age students have access to high-quality early learning instruction that supports academic and social-emotional development. School readiness of our youngest learners and the readiness of our schools to receive children as who they are essential in a “no wrong door” pathway to later academic success in future grade levels. Adoption of these materials allows us to begin the next phase of this critical work in partnership with teachers, principals, families and community partners. Adopting new research and evidence-based preschool curriculum in preparation for the upcoming (2021-2022) is essential and providing foundational professional development to all teachers.

OUSD’s Early Learning Department is proud of the esteem work, time, commitment, critical inquiry, review and evaluation of the “Curriculum Recommendation Committee”. Additionally, the Curriculum Recommendation Committee considered the voices of their peers and families as they reviewed the three curriculum options:

- **Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies**
- **PreK On My Way by Scholastic**
- **Frog Street Preschool Curriculum by Frog Street**

Please see below summary of the selection process, aligned with California Ed Code (EC Sections 60210 and 60002), and reasons for recommending each curriculum.

**Curriculum Selection Committee Timeline**

Date	Topic
April 29th	Final Teacher Survey
May 5th, 2:00-3:00	<a href="#"><u>Review Creative Curriculum</u></a>
May 12th, 2:00-3:00	<a href="#"><u>Review PreK On My Way</u></a>
May 19th, 2:00-3:00	<a href="#"><u>Review Frog Street</u></a>
May 26th, 2:00-3:00	<a href="#"><u>Final Discussion</u></a>
May 26th	<i>Decision to recommend Creative Curriculum to OUSD Board of Education</i>

**Preschool Steering Committee and Program Evaluation**

- **Committee Makeup: 7 teachers, 2 principals, 3 Instructional aides (one IA with a special needs and inclusion classroom experience) 3 New Teacher Center partners.** The committee met four times May 5, 12, 19 and 26 as well as attended the April 2021 Curriculum Showcase convenings (April 7, 20 & 27)

**Family Engagement:** During OUSD’s PreK Family Engagement Night meeting on May 18 parents/families provided recommendations/considerations regarding areas of curriculum that support young children’s learning, growth and development . Additionally, families completed a family/parent survey to provide additional feedback.

- **Evaluation of programs:** The committee conducted a final review and evaluation of the three curriculum resources on May 26, 2021 using a guiding rubric that aligned to the California Preschool Foundations and Frameworks and the California Department of Education Early Learning

Division, Desired Results Developmental Profile tool along with other early learning equity expectations to evaluate these curriculum resources.

**1) Recommendation for Preschool Curriculum Adoption is Creative Curriculum effective May 26, 2021 via Final Meeting Discussion and Vote**

- Monthly professional development sessions (supports fidelity of classroom implementation)
- Ongoing Teacher Professional Learning Communities (2nd Thursdays)
- Year-long curriculum training offered by the curriculum vendor
- **Leadership Professional Development & Learning Walks:** Professional development for principals and at least 3 annual learning walks.

**Fiscal Impact**

Each curriculum has a range of prices per kits for classrooms ranging from \$1800 per classroom to \$4000 per classroom. The approximate amount of the adoption is \$250,000. The funding source for these curricular materials will be the Early Childhood Fund.

**Attachment(s)**

- Preschool Curriculum Adoption Board Presentation 6.16.2021
- Preschool Curriculum Selection Adoption Process

**Curriculum Selection Adoption Notes & Process**  
**[Guiding Committee Member Rubric](#)**

***Creative Curriculum*** (May 5, 2021):

- Zoom Recorded (14 minutes recorded):
- Group 1 Notes/ Janis Arnerich
- Group 2 Notes/Marissa McGee
- Resource link available for selected OUSD staff only

***PreK On My Way*** (May12, 2021):

- Zoom Recorded
- Group 1 Notes/Janis Arnerich
- Group 2 Notes/Marissa McGee
- Padlet Resource

***Frog Street*** (May19 , 2021):

Zoom Recorded  
Whole Group Notes  
Padlet Resource

***Final Discussion*** (May 26, 2021):

Zoom Recorded  
Group 1 Notes  
Group 2 Notes  
Group 3 Notes  
Group 4 Notes

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May 26th	<i>Recommendation to OUSD Board of Education: <b>Creative Curriculum is recommended for adoption</b></i>

**Preschool Curriculum Selection Committee**  
**[Guiding Rubric](#)**

<b>Date Expressed Interests</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/Site</b>	<b>Selected (Yes/No)</b>
4/28/21	Maranatha Hosick-Farwell	Teacher/Acorn Woodland CDC	Yes
4/28/21	Myeisha Jones	Teacher/Manzanita CDC	Yes
4/28/21	Veronica Padiila DeCarrasco	Teacher/Laurel CDC	Yes
4/28/21	Azucena Gamez	SPED Teacher/Burbank	Yes
4/28/21	Anastasia Griffin	Teacher/Jefferson CDC	Yes
4/28/21	Jessica Chen	Teacher/ Yuk Yau	Yes
4/28/21	DaMonica Robinson	Teacher / Lockwood CDC	Yes
5/12/21	Neymiya Moore	Teacher/ MLK	Yes
5/3/21	Ivonne Garcia	Instructional Aide/United Nation	Yes
4/30/21	Anh Dinh	Paraeducator /United Nation/Inclusion	Yes

5/3/21	Candice Herr	Paraeducator/ICS	Yes
5/7/21	Sharon Travers	ECE Leadership/Enrollment	Yes
4/30/21	Alesia Eustler	ECE Leadership/United Nation	Yes
4/30	Janis Arnerich	NTC	Yes/No Vote
4/30	Melissa Luc	NTC	Yes/ No Vote
4/30	Marrisa McGee	NTC	Yes/ No Vote




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Shanthi Gonzales, President, BOE




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Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Secretary, BOE