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McGraw-Hill's Wonders and StudySync Curriculum Adoption

MUSD promotes a shift in thinking with the relationship between teaching and student learning. This Board goal is the foundation for the unified approval on April 12, 2016 of adopting the new English Language Arts and English Language Development curriculum with McGraw-Hill's *Wonders* and *StudySync*. These innovative and interactive programs put the right tools in our teachers' hands to engage our 21st century learners as they move towards college and career readiness.

The digital interface of the program allows teachers to plan their daily schedule using a simple drag-and-drop interface, as well as communicate electronically with parents in 10 different languages. A rich digital library of resources amplifies the traditional textbook with videos, games, and other practice activities. Introductory videos that function like movie trailers are included in both the *Wonders* and *StudySync* programs, helping to build excitement and anticipation for units of study. Interactive features called "Blasts" explore current events and require students to respond within the online classroom community with "Tweet" like responses.

The *Wonders* program includes cross-curricular tools that will help teachers facilitate success with MUSD's diverse student population. The materials correlate the ELD (English Language Development) and ELA (English Language Arts) standards very effectively and give the teachers what they need to implement Integrated and Designated ELD lessons every day. Leveled readers will help bridge the gap between general education and special education as students will have opportunities to Level-Up over the course of the week. Lastly, the *Wonders* program provides strong correlations with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), assisting teachers in implementing the new standards prior to full curricula being made available. Integrating the new NGSS allows the shift in thinking to continue to prompt new approaches.

MUSD teachers always strive to do their very best for their students. *Wonders* and *StudySync* provide the appropriate resources to help them meet the needs of their diverse students.

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