ELEMENTARY READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- Broward County Schools has adopted <u>Treasures</u>, published by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, as the District Elementary Comprehensive Core Reading and Language Arts program.
- The district-wide textbook adoption implementation will be phased in over multiple years. During the first phase in 2008-2009, kindergarten, first, and second grades were implemented. Grade three will be implemented in 2009-2010, during the second phase. Grade levels four and five will be implemented as budget allows.
- Summer 2009 training will be offered for third through fifth grade teachers who will be implementing the <u>Treasures</u> program, during the 2009-2010 school year. <u>Treasures</u> K-2 training will also be offered during the summer, with training for all grade levels to continue in the fall. Training registration information will be sent to the Reading Resource Specialist of each school, posted in the Elementary Literacy Resources CAB Conference, and posted online in the professional development link of the BRITE system.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Jim Kane, Distribution Facilitator of the Learning Resources and Instructional Materials Department, will work with the Textbook Coordinator at each school to complete the ordering process.
- ▲ Determine which teachers will need to register for the <u>Treasures</u> grades K-5 training based on their grade placement and classroom implementation of the program, during the 2009-2010 school year. Encourage teachers to register for the appropriate summer <u>Treasures</u> grades K-5 training if they have not previously attended.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Schools will not receive their <u>Treasures</u> textbook resources if ordering information is not submitted to Jim Kane in a timely manner.
- Teachers will not be prepared to implement the <u>Treasures</u> comprehensive core reading and language arts program if they fail to register for and attend the summer training. Their participation in <u>Treasures</u> training will be delayed until the fall, after school begins.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- All instructional staff members who will be responsible for implementing the new program.
- Support staff members who will be responsible for facilitating implementation the program.
- Farents and stakeholders of students who will be using the instructional program.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

Additional information will be shared with administration and reading resource specialists for distribution to staff.

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