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Next fall, sixth- through twelfth-grade students will use new middle and high school Social Studies instructional materials

Those materials being considered will be on display, Feb. 26, 2015, and March 3, 2015, from 3-7 p.m. for public review and comment.

Starting in September 2015, sixth- through twelfth-grade students and their teachers in Everett Public Schools will use newly-selected Social Studies instructional materials.

Since October, the Secondary Social Studies Adoption Team has been studying the Washington State Social Studies Standards and the <u>Common Core State Standards for History and Social Studies</u>. They have analyzed materials for how well they support teaching and learning the state standards.

Now the team is ready to see what you think, on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at North Middle School and again on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at Lively Center, from 3-7 p.m. Students, families, staff and community members interested in secondary social studies are invited to explore what is being considered for classrooms next school year. The adoption team encourages attendees to leave written comments and questions about the materials.

"We encourage students, families, staff, and community members to attend our open house events to explore each set of materials. We hope they will share their perspectives about how well the materials will meet students' learning needs," said Dr. Tony Byrd, the district's Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, and Special Programs. "The written feedback from those who attend open house events provides valuable input. The team will consider this feedback to recommend the materials our students and teachers will use starting next year."

In May, after the team "tests" some of the publishers' lessons, hears presentations from curriculum publishers, and reviews the open house feedback and evaluations throughout the process, the team will present its recommendation to the superintendent. The superintendent will make a recommendation to the school board in time to have materials in hand before school starts in September.

If you have any questions, please email **Georgia Lindquist** or call 425-385-4064.

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