
NEWS FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tel: 612.668.0230 | Fax: 612.668.0235
1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411
www.mpls.k12.mn.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 21, 2015

MEDIA CONTACT: Dirk Tedmon
Media Relations Specialist
612.668.0227
Dirk.Tedmon@mpls.k12.mn.us

It's time to focus on kids.

MINNEAPOLIS – As of today, Reading Horizons instructional materials will no longer be used in K-2 classrooms in Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS).

When the Board of Education voted to cancel the Reading Horizons contract, the fundamental skills curriculum remained in classrooms and was available for use by teachers until the selection of a new curriculum. It's become clear that any Reading Horizons materials will be an ongoing distraction to learning. Therefore, teachers will be asked not to use the curriculum and instructional materials.

MPS students need fundamental skills instruction. Data shows it's a gap in current instruction leading to poorer outcomes for our kids, especially our kids of color. We must find a targeted way to bridge that gap and promote better outcomes for our students.

In the coming weeks, a Request for Proposal will be completed and the district will begin soliciting proposals for a new fundamental skills curriculum. Community members, parents and teachers will be integral in the selection of a new curriculum, and more details on process changes will be released in the coming weeks.

Our focus each day must remain on our students so that every child in Minneapolis Public Schools graduates college and career ready.

###