



AGENDA

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Ventura Adult Continuing Education via Teleconference
Ron Halt Classroom via Teleconference
5200 Valentine Road
Ventura, CA 93003

TELECONFERENCE

PUBLIC ACCESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

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1. OPENING PROCEDURE – Teleconference – 9:00 a.m.

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call
 - Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
 - Mr. Matt Almaraz
 - Ms. Velma Lomax
 - Ms. Jackie Moran
 - Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
 - Dr. Roger Rice

2. Adoption of Agenda

3. Public Comment

4. CONFERENCE

4.a Consideration for Adoption of Digital-Only McGraw Hill "Inspire" Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8 (Action Requested)

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Curriculum and Instruction, 6-12 will give a presentation on the adoption of the "Inspire" science curriculum for grades 6-8.

Resource Person(s):

Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Curriculum and Instruction, 6-12

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

4.b School Reopening Fall 2020

Staff will present on school reopening in the fall 2020.

Resource Person(s):

Dr. Roger Rice, Superintendent

Dr. Danielle Cortes, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

5. ADJOURNMENT



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BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: July 7, 2020

SUBMITTED BY: Candace Cobos, Educational Services

ITEM TYPE: Conference Action Requested

AGENDA SECTION: CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: **Consideration for Adoption of Digital-Only McGraw Hill "Inspire" Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8 (Action Requested)**

SUGGESTED ACTION: Dr. Greg Bayless, Director, Curriculum and Instruction, 6-12 will give a presentation on the adoption of the "Inspire" science curriculum for grades 6-8.

ATTACHMENTS:
[MS Science Adoption - Digital Only Request \(2\).pdf](#)

Consideration for Adoption of Digital-only McGraw Hill "Inspire" Science Curriculum for Grades 6-8

July 7, 2020

The consensus recommendation for adoption from the pilot committee was “Inspire” by McGraw Hill for grades 6-8.

This recommendation was presented to the board by Bret Klopfenstein and Greg Bayless prior to the Covid-19 school closures.

- Given the 1:1 computer-student initiative underway and preparations for the likely hybrid distance-learning/classroom learning environment in the fall of the 2020-21 school year, the recommendation is to purchase year-by-year access to the “Inspire” digital materials.
- Given the initiative to build secondary courses in Canvas in preparation for hybrid learning, a Next Generation Science Standards-aligned digital curriculum is recommended for builders to use in building Canvas courses in summer 2020.
- The cost of yearly access to grades 6-8 materials is:
\$69,000



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SUBMITTED BY: Rose Ramirez, Superintendent's Office

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SUBJECT: School Reopening Fall 2020

SUGGESTED ACTION: Staff will present on school reopening in the fall 2020.

ATTACHMENTS: