

MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Education Members

From: Anita Givens

Re: Supplemental Science

Date: August 10, 2011

At the July State Board of Education meeting, several publishers were asked to make additional changes to their products and submit to the agency by July 29, 2011.

The Commissioner offered to work with Holt McDougal to identify appropriate changes that could be made to its biology product in response to eight errors identified by the state review panel. Though Holt disputed the errors, it agreed to work with the Commissioner to come to an acceptable resolution.

Representatives of Holt McDougal met with TEA staff on Wednesday, July 27 and presented its revisions to the biology submission in response to the concerns identified by the review panel. Holt McDougal described the changes it made to address the content in question.

Representatives of Holt McDougal met with the Commissioner on Thursday, July 28. After conducting research, discussing the issue with experts, and considering the recommendations of staff, the Commissioner of Education determined that Holt McDougal has sufficiently addressed all eight of the reported errors.

Enclosed is the chart with the eight errors identified by the state review panel and the Commissioner's accepted response. Four attachments show where the changes were made in the biology product.

The SBOE required Adaptive Curriculum's embryo drawings be removed and replaced with more accurate representations. The SBOE also required The Learning Internet, Inc. (d.b.a. Learning.com) submission of Learning.com Biology, Adaptive Curriculum, Texas Edition's embryo drawings be removed and replaced with more accurate representations. These changes were made and submitted as required. The attachment shows the new representations.

Technical Laboratory Systems, Inc. was required to review its chemistry and biology material for grammar and spelling errors and report back to the agency. Their report is enclosed.