

## **2016-17 GMSD Career and Technical Education (CTE) Textbook Adoption Results**

The 9 members of the GMSD CTE Textbook Adoption Committee consisting of teachers and parents met January 2 and reviewed instructional materials throughout January, February, and March to come to a consensus on textbooks to adopt for their career clusters:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- STEM
- Health Science
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

Each member reviewed all required textbooks and resources for his or her career cluster during this process. Their vote is based on data from textbook evaluation rubrics & state textbook reviews, and represents the CTE teachers of Houston High School.

### **Update on results:**

The committee voted to do a **blanket textbook adoption** to give our district options over the next 6 years. Career cluster teachers also submitted their top choices for the courses they teach so we can purchase in a timely manner to ensure students have textbooks when school begins for the 2017-18 school year. Teachers may use other instructional materials to supplement the primary textbook that is purchased.

### **Explanation of Blanket Textbook Adoption**

- Adoption is not the same as purchasing – as a district we must decide what textbooks we are adopting (selecting) to have as an option to purchase any time over the next 6 years.
- The state has an option on the **District Adoption Form ED-5099** for districts to adopt ALL textbooks on the state approved list, which means we could select at a later date any textbook on the list to actually purchase at the current fixed price.
- The state textbook approved list is fixed, so there will not be any new textbooks added. However, publishers already on the list can update their current materials (consumables, on-line information, etc.) to reflect any changes in the standards over the next few years.
- The only “con” to blanket textbook adoption is that the publishers are not able to anticipate textbook needs, so large districts would need to plan ahead in placing their orders.