

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-01-09

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Literacy Initiative Report

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. System-Wide Literacy Program Evaluation: 2009-2010

PURPOSE: To provide a report to the Board of Education on the literacy program in Orange County Schools.

BACKGROUND: In November 2009, Vickie Smith, District Literacy Coordinator, presented to the Board of Education on literacy initiatives in Orange County Schools. The presentation focused on four key areas:

- Leveled Literacy Intervention (a K-5 reading intervention taught by reading teachers)
- Literacy coaches at each elementary and middle school.
- Whole-to-Part (a reading intervention for students in grades 3-8)
- Balanced Literacy Model K-8

As follow-up from this report, the Board of Education requested that the staff complete a program evaluation of the literacy program and its effectiveness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive for information a report on the literacy program in Orange County Schools.