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Dear Stakeholders,

The ***K-8 Gifted Writing Curriculum Adoption Committee*** is currently seeking dedicated new members. The committee's primary objective is to evaluate and recommend a new resource for adoption that will effectively support K-8 students and teachers in their efforts to meet or exceed grade-level proficiency targets in ELA, specifically writing. The resource adopted by this committee is slated for implementation in the 2027-2028 school year.

The selection of a high-quality writing curriculum is vital to ensuring gifted and advanced students receive a robust and equitable educational experience. This work directly aligns with the Deer Valley Unified School District's (DVUSD) purpose of providing outstanding educational opportunities and is a key component of our Strategic Plan goal to enhance academic excellence and student achievement.

The ***K-8 Gifted Writing Curriculum Adoption Committee*** will include a comprehensive representation of stakeholders, including: Bright Beginnings Teachers (K-2 Grades), SAGE ELA Teachers (4-6 Grades), Renaissance Teachers (1-8 Grades), DVUSD Administrators, DVUSD Instructional Coaches, parents of current students, and community members.

Committee meetings are scheduled to be a blend of online and in-person sessions on the following dates:

- **Meeting #1: Vision, Purpose, and Rubric Review**
November 19, 2026 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
(Online) Google Meets
- **Meeting #2: Evaluation of Materials**
December 10, 2026 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
(In-person) Governing Board Room – West
20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85027
- **Meeting #3: Vendor Presentations and Determine Final Two**
January 13, 2027 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
(In-Person) Governing Board Room - West
20402 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85027
- **Meeting #4: Final Recommendation**
February 11, 2027 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
(Online) Google Meets

If you are interested in becoming a member of the ***K-8 Gifted Writing Curriculum Adoption Committee***, please complete the [DVUSD Committee Volunteer Application](#). For any questions regarding the committee's work or the application process, please contact Dr. Aimee Sulit at Aimee.Sulit@dvUSD.org or 623-445-5588.

Sincerely,

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