INFORMATION SHEET 04/09/2019 TRUSTEES' MEETING

To: Jim Bridges, Superintendent

For: Board of Trustees

From: Sarah Steen

Re: 6-8 History / Social Science Curriculum Adoption Recommendation

The District Hist / SS Curriculum Adoption Committee recommends adopting National Geographic for grades 6-8, based on an extended pilot and careful review of the programs available for adoption.

The following steps were completed in the adoption process:

- Established JSD Hist/SS Adoption Committee made up of teachers from all grades and school sites as well as district instructional coaches, site administrators, and district administrators.
- Reviewed all SBE Approved Programs
- Created District Criteria
- Set adoption timeline
- Public viewing was available at the District Office for community input
- Conducted in-depth evaluations of programs (Including: Publisher presentations, History framework training, and piloting programs in the classroom)
- Used Toolkit to debrief and discuss the programs and came to consensus
- Submitted a recommendation to School Board for approval

Recommended Action: Approve the district adoption of National Geographic for grades 6-8, as presented.

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