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October 25, 1974

Mr. Shuf Swift
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Dear Mr. Swift:

Recently an invitation was extended to your organization by staff members from the Department of Education, San Diego County, and the San Diego Unified School district to take part in the evaluation of social science materials for a forthcoming State of California adoption. These evaluations are necessary to insure that what is published or made available as audio-visual materials is in compliance with the provisions of the Education Code of the State of California.

At the organizational meeting that was held, those in attendance representing their respective organizations were also invited to take part in the evaluation of science and health education materials that are also being considered for adoption. Representatives from approximately ten organizations indicated a desire to also review these materials. We have corresponded with those who signed up that evening, but we want to insure that all known organizations and interested parents have an ample opportunity to participate in this undertaking if they so desire.

You, or representatives from your organization, are cordially invited to take part in the evaluation of materials that we have at three locations in San Diego County. Enclosed for your convenience is a Bulletin recently sent to all public schools and to interested parties in the area. Instructions for evaluating the materials available, along with simple evaluation sheets, are at the centers should you wish to participate in this adoption program.

I have been asked by Dr. Robert Bennett, the State Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission member from this area, to submit recommendations no later than December 5, 1974. Should you be interested in participating, please file evaluations by Monday, December 2, 1974.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 278-6400, extension 228. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Dean

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BULLETIN

Topic: Legal and Technical Review of Science and Health Instructional Materials - K-8

Date: October 22, 1974 Vol. XXXIV No. 87

To: Chief Administrative Officers
Curriculum Directors
Principals
Teachers

From: Robert A. Dean
Curriculum Coordinator - Science and Health

Three centers have been established in San Diego County to facilitate the selection of science and health materials, kindergarten through grade eight, for statewide adoption. The centers are located (1) in the Curriculum Library of the Department of Education, San Diego County; (2) in the Vista Square School Library, 540 G Street, Chula Vista; and (3) at Stevenson School, 4520 Pocahontas Avenue, San Diego. The San Diego County Department of Education Curriculum Library is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as well as Monday and Thursday evenings until 9:00. Materials at Vista Square School will be on display from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Stevenson School is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; it is the only site where equipment and audio-visual materials will be on display. Most of the materials are now at the centers and available for legal and technical review.

The legal and technical review of all materials must be made and a report forwarded to our local commissioner by December 5, 1974. Teachers and interested groups are encouraged to review and note on evaluation forms provided at the site what materials are not in compliance with the Education Code. The more extensive review of materials for placement on the state matrix will occur later this year where district personnel will be asked to support this activity.

The legal and technical review is concerned with compliance with provisions in the Education Code that require accurate portrayal of female and male roles, cultural and racial diversity, entrepreneur and labor, ecology and environment, dangerous substances, and religion. If there are community groups or parents who would be concerned with these topics in relationship to science and health instructional materials, encourage them to come and participate at one of the centers.

If there are questions concerning this legal and technical review of the materials, please call 278-6400, extension 228.

We do not believe ~~the~~ this applies to our area of concern

letter to this effect sent 11/13/74 MMW