



Curriculum

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**KPBSD Board of Education Work Session
Social Studies Materials**



Outcomes:

- **Provide context** on why our middle and high school teachers saw a need for updated social studies resources.
- **Walk through the steps** taken by the committee to review and select the new curriculum.
- **Identify the key features** that made the chosen materials the best fit for our students and teachers.



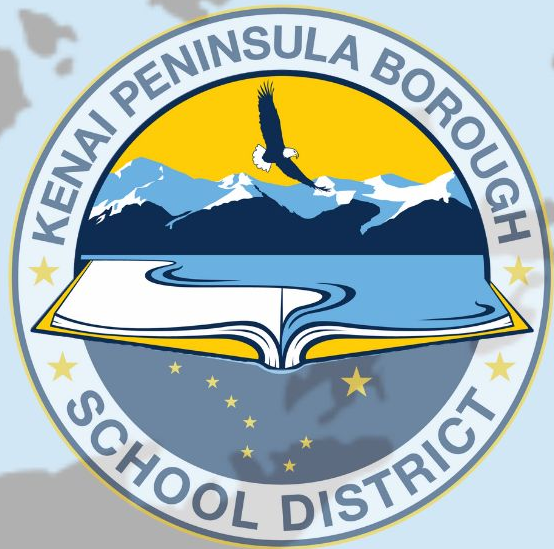
What was the decision made, and why?

- **Provide** high-quality instructional materials to all students across the district.
- **Deliver** units and daily lesson plans closely aligned with the new Alaska State Social Studies Standards.
- **Replace** outdated materials that are over 15 years old and no longer align with state standards.
- **Equip** teachers with robust resources to streamline instructional planning.
- **Foster** student discussion and critical thinking through engaging daily lessons.
- **Leverage** materials highly rated by Alaska educators and neighboring school districts.



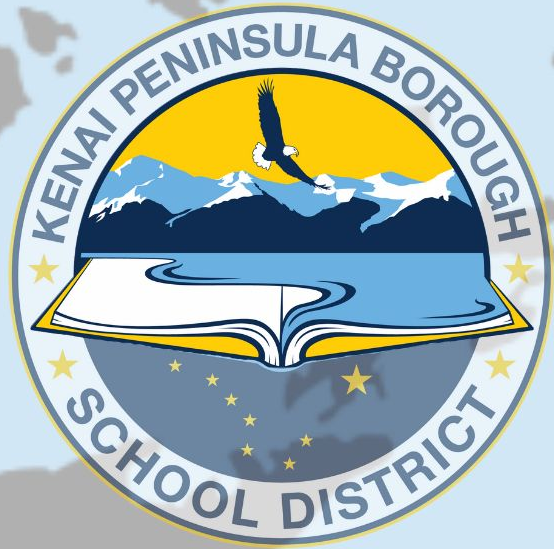
How did they make their decision?

- Received training to thoroughly internalize the new Alaska State Social Studies Standards
- Used feedback from educators to inform a list of key criteria for selection.
- Created a common rubric based on the key criteria to objectively evaluate potential materials
- Narrowed the list to two finalists
- Piloted lessons and shared the materials with other teachers in their schools to receive feedback and guidance

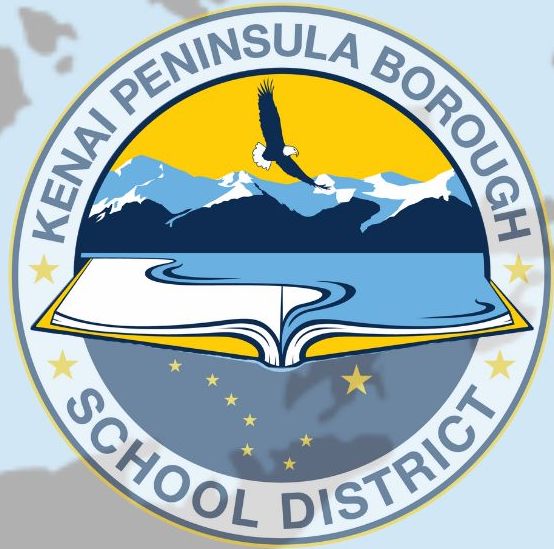


What was the decision and why?

- **Middle School TCI** - World and US History
- **Savvas Social Studies** - World and US History
 - Closely aligned to Alaska Social Studies Standards
 - Daily lesson structure provides opportunities for questioning, discussion and critical thinking
 - Literacy supports for students
 - Resources to assist teachers with daily lesson planning and differentiation
 - Digital parallel - tech integration with Canvas and Powerschool
 - Rated the highest by the teacher who participated in the selection and provided feedback on the materials



Questions?



Thank you!