

To: High School English Teachers

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Re: Use of District Curriculum & technology resources

McGraw-Hill Study Sync has been selected for the High School English Adoption that will launch in August 2020. This rigorous, comprehensive, multimedia curriculum engages students in developing independent critical thinking and analysis skills.

MCAS expectations are that teachers will use all components of the Study Sync program beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

To support the launch of this program, professional development sessions will be offered this summer and will be ongoing throughout the school year. These will include continuous data analysis sessions, structured planning sessions, classroom visits, and coaching designed to support your growth in accelerating student learning.

Summer professional development dates will soon be communicated so that you may begin the school year with new, rigorous aligned curriculum resources and curriculum maps. With this program, you will have access to ongoing assessments and a data dashboard within the McGraw-Hill system.

Finally, as we work to ensure coherence across the department, we are expecting that these rich, rigorous resources be used by all teachers. We will no longer accept that a classroom teacher chooses to deviate from the district expectations. Our students deserve to have access to the high-quality curriculum that is provided and we will support you to ensure that you have the professional development opportunities aligned with these programs.

I look forward to seeing you at professional development sessions this summer!