

# Information Memorandum

**Date:** July 31, 2003

**To:** MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**From:** Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction Branch

**Subject:** Report on Changes to English Language Development Guide in SRA/McGraw Hill's SRA/Open Court Reading 2002

On January 9, 2002: State Board of Education adopted SRA/McGraw Hill's *SRA/Open Court Reading 2002* for kindergarten and grades 1-6.

At the meeting July 9, 2003: State Board of Education passed a motion calling for a "product recall" of the English Language Development (ELD) Guide in *SRA/Open Court Reading 2002*. As part of its motion, the Board demanded immediate changes to the existing guide by including "inserts" into the existing ELD Guide. The inserts are to be prepared by the publisher and, prior to printing, approved by the Executive Director of the State Board in consultation with the curriculum liaison designated by the State Board President for this purpose. The inserts are then to be printed and delivered to individual schools (or, where site-level delivery is not possible, to local education agencies), along with instructions to attach them to the existing ELD Guides, at no cost to affected local education agencies. A permanent replacement will be sent to school in January 2004.

In addition, a letter to the field from President Reed Hastings and Superintendent Jack O'Connell will explain the necessity of the "product recall" of the English Language Development Guide in *SRA/Open Court Reading 2002*.

SRA/McGraw-Hill has agreed to supply schools with "inserts" in the form of a replacement piece this fall. This temporary replacement piece will eliminate the egregiously erroneous references found to have been included in the front matter of the English Language Development (ELD) Guides (for each grade level) in SRA/McGraw Hill's *Open Court Reading*. The temporary replacement piece will also be available on SRA/McGraw Hill's website. Prior to mailing, the temporary replacement guides are to be approved by the Executive Director of the State Board in consultation with the curriculum liaison designated by the State Board President.

A permanent replacement piece will be sent to schools in January 2004 by SRA/McGraw-Hill. The preparation of a permanent replacement piece will involve a diverse group of content experts. Prior to printing, the replacement guides are to be approved by the Executive Director of the State Board in consultation with the curriculum liaison designated by the State Board President. The replacement guides will be thoroughly reviewed for content and for legal and social compliance.