



**DATE:** June 3, 2020

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Robert Leri, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

**SUBJECT:** First Read of Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for Culinary Arts

**PRESENTED BY:** Valerie Simpson, Executive Director of Educational Services

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Information Only - First Read of Proposed Adoption of Instructional Materials for Culinary Arts

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The instructional material being brought forward for proposed adoption is:

*“Foundations of Restaurant Management & Culinary Arts - Levels 1 & 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition”* by The National Restaurant Association

Per North Tahoe High Culinary Arts instructor Laura Hartung, our current books (the 1<sup>st</sup> edition) were copyrighted in 2011. These new editions have been updated in accordance with industry demands. They are needed, as the current books are out of date and standard.

The books are published by the National Restaurant Association's Education Foundation. The NRAEF is also the backing behind ProStart, one of the two premier culinary curriculums for high school programs in the US (the other being SKILLS USA).

There are plenty of other Culinary and Pastry books out there that are loved and revered, but they are widely written at a college reading level and more than our high school kids can handle. I have reviewed many of them, having some of them in my own classes. Taking into consideration the range of literacy levels we have in high school Culinary programs; I have not found anything that I like better than these.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

State Textbook Funds Will Be Used to Purchase These Materials.

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Attachment: Instructional Materials Descriptions