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The UUSD Elementary Adoption Committee made a consensus recommendation to adopt TCI, Teacher's Curriculum Institute, as the science curriculum for grades TK-5. TCI is the same digital and lab curriculum previously adopted by grades 6-8 in June 2020. UUSD students need access to high-quality science curriculum and materials aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). TCI is fully aligned with these standards and provides our students the following:

- Real-world phenomena
- Experiential, inquiry-based, and hands-on learning
- 21st century skills
- Academic literacy
- Equity across all school sites to ensure access to state-approved, research-based instructional materials
- Alignment to the California Science Test (CAST)

The UUSD High School Adoption Committee made a consensus recommendation to adopt CK-12 and Gizmos as the science curriculum for grades 9-12 in Biology, Earth and Space Science, Chemistry, and Physics. CK-12 is a fully digital Flexbook which can be customized to align with CA NGSS. Gizmos is a digital lab simulation software that provides manipulative science lessons for teachers to use with students or for independent student use.

This summer, a volunteer group of high school teachers will begin working to develop Flexbooks in each of the four core subject areas and align the CK-12 Flexbook with Gizmos' virtual labs.

This alignment will ensure that our students have access to NGSS including the following:

- Real-world phenomena
- Experiential, inquiry-based, and hands-on learning
- 21st century skills
- Academic literacy
- Equity across all school sites to ensure access to state-approved, research-based instructional materials
- Alignment to the California Science Test (CAST)

If you have any questions about this adoption process, please contact:

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