

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arlington School Board
FROM: English Language Arts Advisory Committee
DATE: November 20, 2010
SUBJECT: Non-recommending Year Report

Current Year Activities:

The activities of the committee for this year included:

NOVA Summer Writing Institute

- Learning more about the topics covered by the four Arlington participants in the 2010 NOVA Summer Writing Institute
- Exploring inexpensive but effective ways of capturing the combined knowledge gained by the 14 (2005-2010) NOVA Summer Writing Institute participants for the benefit of the Arlington teaching community outside (i.e. in addition) of the formal professional development program such as use of hosting the materials on a website
- Monitoring the progress on how the knowledge gained in the NOVA Summer Writing Institute can be adopted as Professional Development for Arlington Teachers

SAT Preparation Course

- The 2009-2010 recommendation to support an extra SAT course was approved by APS Senior Staff and an additional \$10,000 will be used to provide another SAT course this winter.

Dropout Prevention

- Exploring ways to use English Language Arts to reduce the dropout rates

Update of Previous Recommendations:

This information has been submitted by the English Language Arts Office as part of the Status Report.

Committee members:

Ross Tyler, Chair
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