

In response to the newly adopted 2016 [Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework](#), we will be moving forward with the purchase of new F.O.S.S. units K-5 to address revisions to the Earth Science strand. Being mindful of all that is on the plates of our elementary teachers in the coming year with the implementation of a new math program, we will look to update both the Physical and Life Science strands next year and beyond. The decision to review updated F.O.S.S. materials in some of our elementary classrooms was based on our current use of older F.O.S.S. units and their review by the district Science and Technology/Engineering Committee.

F.O.S.S. materials provide our teachers and students with an enriching, inquiry based experience that fosters the building of conceptual understanding, strong scientific practices and engagement with data in meaningful ways. The purchase of these materials provides a high quality, equitable and consistent foundation for science and engineering in our district.

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