



# UNION GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**John Webb, Principal**  
**Oscar Osorio, Asst. Principal**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I want to make you aware of a change in curriculum that will be occurring in your child's Sixth Grade English Language Arts class. As you may know, the novel *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep was included in Module Three of the sixth grade student journal, and our students have been studying the novel, which was included in our state-approved curriculum.

Based on parent concerns within our district and in compliance with Blount County Schools policy 4.403, *Dragonwings* has been reviewed for our use, and a materials review team has recommended that inclusion of the book be discontinued at this time in Blount County Schools. Here at UGMS, we believe that it is in the best interest of our students to honor that decision and commit to a review of our curriculum to ensure its appropriateness for the students of our community.

At this time, we will proceed with the study of Module Four of the curriculum and will ensure that all instructional standards that would have been included in the study of module three will be addressed fully with students within Module Four.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. We will continue to care, love and serve our students and families while maximizing the academic growth of every student. Please contact me if you have any questions as we proceed.

Best regards,

John Webb  
Principal  
Union Grove Middle School