

Horseheads Central School District has been actively participating in the regional Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) initiative since September 2009. A major component of the initiative is the implementation and use of Full Option Science System (FOSS) for science instruction. The Board of Education acknowledges Policy 4511 regarding the adoption of Textbooks/ Comprehensive programs. The Board of education also acknowledges that we have been piloting FOSS, as part of the regional initiative, since September 1, 2010.

As of June, 2012 there are:

- 7 Grade 2 classrooms - Gardner Road (2), Center Street (1) and Big Flats (4),
- 3 Grade 3 classrooms - Gardner Road (2), Big Flats (1),
- 7 Grade 4 classrooms - Big Flats (3), Ridge Road (4),
- 5 Grade 6 classrooms - Intermediate School (all students)

For the purpose of continuity and equity, it is in the best interest of our students to fully implement FOSS across all grade levels and classrooms.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education will suspend Policy 4511 to fully adopt FOSS. Starting September 1, 2014 all grades Pre K-8 will use the FOSS. All teachers using FOSS will participate in the BOCES provided professional development. Should individual teachers choose to implement FOSS prior to the 2014 school year, they will need to work with administration to secure materials and professional development.