

The Horseheads Central School District has been actively participating in the regional Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) initiative since September of 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.

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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will suspend Board of Education Policy 4511; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will fully adopt the FOSS (Full Option Science System) Program for implementation across all Pre-K through Grade 8 grade levels and classrooms; and

BE IT RESOLVED that after the adoption of the FOSS Program, the Board of Education will reinstate Board of Education Policy 4511.