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## Update on Keller ISD Instructional Resource Review

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Keller ISD Families and Staff,

In August, we emailed you about three instructional resources that the District was temporarily removing from students' KCloud accounts while we reviewed them for compliance with House Bill 3979. After conducting our review, we wanted to provide you with an update on the status of each of these resources:

### **SORA**

Our teams have worked on categorizing books in SORA to ensure titles are age-appropriate by grade level bands. Many titles have been individually reviewed and categorized to be available for the following grade levels:

Kindergarten-5th grade: Juvenile  
6th-8th grade: Middle School  
9th-12th grade: High School

On October 19, the SORA app will be available for both teachers and students in KCloud. If you decide that you do not want your student to have access to SORA, please email your campus Librarian with the request and Keller ISD's Technology Department will remove the app from your student's KCloud account.

### **Newsela**

Due to Newsela not having a content filter, we will continue with our process that has been in place for the first nine-week grading period. Only teachers will have access to Newsela and can provide links to text sets for students to read in class.

### **BrainPop**

The use of BrainPop as an instructional resource has been limited and did not justify the cost of the resource. Therefore, Keller ISD no longer subscribes to BrainPop.

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