

# Glassboro Public Schools



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To: Dr. Mark Silverstein, Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. Robert Preston, Chief Academic Officer

Date: October 30, 2020

Re: GIS ELA Book Addition

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The Language Arts department at Glassboro Intermediate School is requesting approval from the Glassboro Board of Education to pilot the biography *Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (ISBN # 978-0-312-66105-2) for Unit 2 of the Grade 7 Language Arts curriculum. This book will be used periodically in substitute of or alongside *This Land is Our Land*. Learning activities will be modified in the curriculum.

The addition of Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose as a supplementary texts allows for teacher choice and enhances the seventh grade curriculum. Equality and social justice are two major issues across the country, even for adolescents. Though Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice reflects the Civil Rights movement of the mid-twentieth century, its topics are significant and thought-provoking. This biographical texts provide critical historical facts that are culturally relevant and applicable to current events around the world. Furthermore, Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice provides additional exposure to nonfiction text, a genre that is reflective of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and one that is featured on the NJSLA.