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Dear Parent or Guardian:

This school year, Broward County Middle school students will be using a new science textbook. The *Florida Science Fusion* series by Holt McDougal is a soft-backed, consumable workbook that brings new and innovative ways to engage and educate our students. Students will be taking notes and recording answers directly into the pages of their workbook. They will not need to carry their entire book home, only those lessons or units being studied at the time.

All students and parents will have online access to the entire textbook and all textbook resources. In the BEEP student portal you will find the textbook along with many resources to help students learn science. As a parent or guardian, you can utilize these resources to re-read the passages at home that your student read in class that day. An audio version of the textbook is also available so that you can hear the pages being read. Students will receive a login allowing them to see the pages in the textbook and access all of the exciting animations and virtual labs which are now available. Lost or missing assignments may also be printed from this location.

If you need additional assistance, please email the textbook specialist Kate Stone at kathryn.stone@browardschools.com, or contact the Department of Science Education for the Broward County Schools, **Dr. JP Keener at 754-321-1874.**

Sincerely,

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