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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
School District Curriculum Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Open Public Comment for Learning Standards Revisions through September 13th

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Learning standards define what all students need to know and be able to do at each grade level. As required by state law ([RCW 28A.655.070](#)), the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) develops the state's learning standards and periodically revises them based on the student learning goals in [RCW 28A.150.210](#). It has been over a decade since this review has been completed for several content areas.

Over the last year, OSPI has engaged with classroom teachers and educational and community partners to review and revise the standards for English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. As we approach December 2024, the anticipated timeline of having the revised standards for these three subject areas finalized, OSPI is seeking feedback from educators, students, families, and community members on the drafts.

PROJECT PROGRESS

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has developed drafts of the revised learning standards documents for ELA, mathematics, and science with identified priority standards. OSPI has partnered with educators, school and district administrators, educational service districts, students and families, business and industry partners, and professional organizations and

advisory committees to inform the review process and host feedback events throughout the spring and early summer. A list of engaged groups can be found at [Washington Learning Standards Review and Revision Engagement](#). The critical feedback provided has informed the revisions of the standards documents as well as the planned supporting resources, such as teacher implementation guides and family/caregiver guides. These partnerships are critical, and OSPI appreciates the continued involvement of groups representing educators, students, and families through the project's completion.

The current [Learning Standards Review Project timeline](#) anticipates that the State Superintendent will approve the revised ELA, mathematics, and science standards in December 2024. Approval will be followed by transitional support to school districts starting in winter 2025 to support implementation in classrooms by fall 2026 for these three content areas. See more on the [Learning Standards Review webpage](#).

Bias and Equity Screening

In August 2024, OSPI is screening the revised standards for bias and equity, as required by the 2024 Legislature in [Senate Bill 5462](#). OSPI has met with various state commissions and other partners to receive input on the development of a screening tool to be used to review the learning standards. An educator-based work group is meeting during the month of August to complete the screening for bias and equity for the ELA, mathematics, and science standards.

Public Review and Feedback

Drafts of the learning standards for ELA, mathematics, and science will be available for public comment from August 16th through September 13th, before they are finalized. Community members are encouraged to review the drafts and then [provide their comments to OSPI through an online survey](#).

In addition to the survey, OSPI will also be hosting two public webinars, and providing a recorded version to be available for later viewing. During the webinars, OSPI staff will provide an overview of the process of reviewing and revising the standards, a preview of the updates to the standards, as well as the timeline for implementation. Staff will also provide information on how members of the public and educational community can share their feedback.

Please consider sharing the following information with your staff, colleagues, and families to support awareness and engagement:

Periodically, the state is required to review and revise the state's learning standards, which define what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Following a year-long process of working with teachers, school and district leaders, and community partners, drafts of revised standards in English language arts, math, and science are now available.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is hosting two webinars to provide an overview and timeline of the standards review project. The webinars will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 22nd at 4:00 pm ([register for August 22nd webinar](#))
- Thursday, August 29th at 10:30 am ([register for August 29th webinar](#))

A recorded webinar will be made available on the [Learning Standards Review webpage](#). Educators, students, families, and community members are encouraged to review the drafts in English language arts, math, and science, and [provide their comments to OSPI through an online survey](#) by September 6th.

We appreciate your partnership in supporting additional engagement and feedback to the revised learning standards.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Angela Allen, Associate Director of Learning Standards, at 564-233-9627 or Kara Todd, Special Projects and Assessment Coordinator, at 360-725-4979 or email standards.review@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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