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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
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FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Learning Standards Review Update

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides an update to the information about the learning standards review project addressed by Superintendent Reykdal's letter dated February 14, 2023, to district superintendents. See previous [Bulletin](#).

The current timeline anticipates Superintendent approval of the revised English Language Arts (ELA), science, and mathematics standards in December 2024, with transitional support to districts starting in winter 2025, and with implementation in classrooms expected in fall 2026 for these three content areas. The updated projected review timeline is included as an attachment.

Intentions

What the standards revision project will do:

- Focus on updating, clarifying, and creating a prioritized list of standards for educators to be universally taught as Tier 1 for each student, across grade levels and content areas.
- Create a set of implementation support products that can be used by multiple stakeholders, educators, administrators, and families.
- Support teaching practices that are responsive to the inclusivity of multiple groups, cultures, and connections across content areas.

- Increase rigor and expectations for students.

What the standards revision project will not do:

- Stop districts from selecting their curriculum or suspend adoption processes currently in place.
- Prescribe how a teacher should teach in the classroom.
- Require districts to purchase new instructional materials, curriculum, or assessments.
- List interventions that should be used for students.
- List all that could or should be taught.
- Tell districts what classes they need to offer.

Project Progress

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) continues to engage in presentations and feedback opportunities to support the standards revision project. Superintendent Reykdal hosted the "OSPI Listens: Employer and Educator Engagement" event on November 9, 2023 which featured two employer panels providing feedback on current and future workforce needs to inform the state learning standards revision project. Superintendent Reykdal also visited each Educational Service District in the state and collected input from local superintendents on the impacts and considerations for the learning standards review project.

Members of the Learning Standards Review team presented at the Washington Educational Research Association (WERA) Conference on December 7, 2023. Open Office Hours were held in October 2023, December 2023, and January 2024 to answer questions about the standards review process. Presentation materials and recordings of these office hours can be found on the [Standards Review webpage](#).

ELA Update

Due to feedback, the development of new Literacy and Language Arts (LLA) standards is being paused. The ELA standards review team is focusing on prioritizing, amending, streamlining, updating, and clarifying the Common Core ELA/Literacy Standards. This work still includes adding/embedding Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship standards and updating the standards to reflect current research. An update can be found in the [ELA document](#) attached to this bulletin.

Educator Involvement

Educator feedback will be critical to the success of the standards revision process. While there will be multiple opportunities for engagement, the first focused series is intended for classroom teachers. The Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession (CSTP) is hosting a series of in-person and virtual events to center teacher voice and expertise to inform the revision project. An [application](#) to be a part of these CSTP events is currently open until February 9th. These opportunities will give OSPI content teams critical feedback on the learning standards

documents, identified priorities, teacher support resources and professional development needed as we refine the products throughout the remainder of the school year. Additional feedback opportunities will be offered as the project proceeds.

Public Input

August 2024 is the projected timeline for final public input on the learning standards before they are finalized and sent for Superintendent approval.

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.

This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins](#) page of the OSPI website.

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Attachment(s): Learning Standards Review Timeline
 OSPI Learning Standards Review: ELA Update (1/15/24)

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