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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: Learning Standards Review Project 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 [Bulletins](#).

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.

Project Progress

First drafts of learning standards revisions have been developed with identified priority standards. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has partnered with the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession to host teacher feedback events throughout the spring. Ninety educators have been selected to support this process representing districts, large and small across the state, and different demographic groups reflecting our student populations. Regional Education Service Districts (ESDs) are also working on plans to provide feedback opportunities on the standards with their educator networks in April–June. OSPI teams are taking the critical feedback created from these opportunities to inform and revise the

standards documents as well as adjusting the resources (teacher implementation guides, family/caregiver guides) produced as part of the standards project.

OSPI has engaged with multiple professional organizations to provide updates and solicit feedback to the Learning Standards Review Project. Organizations including the Washington Alternative Learning Association (WALA), Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Washington Association for School Administrators (WASA), Washington State Indian Education Association (WSIEA), and the student advisory of the Association for Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) have provided time through conferences and meetings to support engagement in this work. These partnerships are critical, and we appreciate the continued involvement of groups representing educators, students, and families through the project's completion.

An update on the Learning Standards Review Project will be held during a [webinar](#) on April 18th, from 3–4:30 pm, where the learning standards team will discuss the process to date of the current learning standards revision and the upcoming addition of the next phase of learning standards being reviewed. During this webinar, OSPI will also share ESD based educator feedback opportunities being hosted regionally in April and May. Presentation materials and recordings of these webinars can be found on the [Standards Review webpage](#).

Public Input

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

Next Cycle of Learning Standards Revision Begins

The next cycle of revision is beginning in 2024 for world language, financial education, and health and physical education. OSPI is currently reviewing the updated nationally developed standards in these content areas which will support the revision and prioritization of standards. A survey will be sent out this spring for educators to participate in the first round of feedback on the current standards. The adoption of these standards is projected for December 2025.

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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