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MATH CURRICULAR ISSUES UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (OSPI)

SUMMARY OF POLICY ISSUE /STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (SBE) STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

The State Board of Education has been reviewing OSPI's work on the development of new math standards and curriculum aligned to those standards. This work is related to the Board's goal of improving achievement for all students.

BACKGROUND

The legislature requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to present to the SBE "no more than three basic mathematics curricular each for elementary, middle, and high school grade spans" (2SHB 2598 section 7 (a) from the 2008 legislative session) within six months of the adoption of the math standards. Within two months after the presentation of the recommended curricula, the SBE "shall provide official comment and recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the recommended mathematics curricula. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall make any changes based on the comments and recommendations from the State Board of Education and adopt the recommended curricula" (2SHB 2598 section 7 (b)).

At the special meeting in December, Dr. Bergeson presented the Board with recommendations for the new K-8 math curriculum. At this meeting, the Superintendent's Office will present the Board with its recommendations for up to three high school programs that are best aligned with the new 9-12 math standards. OSPI will solicit feedback from the SBE Math Panel in early January on its recommendations. Then SBE will ask its consultant, Strategic Teaching, to work with the SBE Math Panel and review the OSPI recommendations for high school curriculum. Strategic Teaching will present its findings to the Board at the March meeting.

Also at the November 2008 meeting, the Board requested OSPI to come back to the January meeting to discuss the OSPI review for the supplemental curriculum, actions OSPI plans to take to help districts with unaligned curriculum, and the results of the Request for Information for an online curriculum that would be free to school districts. OSPI will bring materials to the January meeting.

EXPECTED ACTION

None