



**TO:** Roger Breed, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Education

**FROM:** Donlynn Rice - Administrator, Curriculum Instruction and Innovation  
Deb Romanek - Mathematics Director, Curriculum Instruction and Innovation  
Tricia Parker - Language Arts Director, Curriculum Instruction and Innovation

**SUBJECT:** Nebraska Standards Instructional Tool - A Resource for Classroom Teachers

**Proposed Board Action:**

Presentation

**Background Information:**

The Nebraska Standards Instructional Tool is a new web site designed with Nebraska’s classroom teachers in mind. The development of the Tool followed the same process used in the academic standards and assessment development; relying on the expertise of classroom educators in Nebraska. Groups of teachers worked together alongside Department personnel to identify the Nebraska Language Arts and Mathematics standards most in need of additional resources. These resources may include:

- A glossary of key words (Mathematics to be posted soon)
- Further definitions/explanations of the indicators when warranted
- Classroom instructional resources (sample exercises, activities, web links, videos, etc.) that can be used and adapted to fit the needs of a particular teacher or to more closely align to a local school or district’s curriculum.

This presentation will demonstrate the various components of the site and share NDE's plans for expansion and enhancement over the next several months.

**Estimated Cost:**

\$85,000 - Federal ESEA Statewide Activities Funds

**Supporting Documentation Included:**

None

**For Additional Information on this item:**

Call Donlynn Rice (402) 471-3240, e-mail donlynn.rice@nebraska.gov  
05.05.11 State Board of Education