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NEW, REVISED SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS FOCUS OF NORTH PLATTE, LINCOLN, OMAHA MEETINGS

The State Board of Education and the Nebraska Department of Education are reaching out to citizens across the state for their comments on new and revised social studies standards.

Individuals who would like to comment on the proposed social studies standards are invited to attend one or more of the following community meetings:

- **North Platte:** April 25, Wed., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Educational Service Unit 16, 1221 West 17th St., North Platte
- **Lincoln:** April 30, Mon., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Scott Middle School, Multi-purpose Room, 2200 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln
- **Omaha:** May 1, Tues., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Lewis and Clark Middle School, cafeteria, 6901 Burt St., Omaha

The community meetings have been designed to allow for meaningful participation by citizens across the state.

“These community sessions will allow citizens to comment on the proposed draft standards and for their comments to be considered in the development of the final draft document,” according to Donlynn Rice, state curriculum and instruction administrator. Citizens will have additional opportunities to comment as well, Rice said, noting that an electronic survey will be conducted near the end of the standards setting process but before the State Board of Education considers approving the document for a public hearing, another opportunity for public comment.

“The social studies standards are generating a great deal of interest from individuals and groups so we are providing multiple opportunities for meaningful public participation,” Rice said.

The Community Input Sessions include a brief overview of the standards development process and small group discussions that allow participants to review and comment on the draft standards. Comments offered during group discussions as well as written comments will be submitted to a 45-member committee for consideration as they work to finalize the document for the State Board of Education’s consideration. The committee is comprised of elementary, middle school and high school social studies teachers, higher education officials and curriculum directors from across the state to provide broad geographical as well as culturally diverse representation.

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Link to the [Nebraska Draft Social Studies Standards](#)