



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Provide an update on upcoming mathematics standards review.

RATIONALE:

This update is to provide timely information to State Board members on upcoming processes and procedures, along with a proposed timeline.

Background information - As Nebraska's standards are reviewed and revised the State Board of Education's primary goal is to ensure that all Nebraska students graduate from high school being fully prepared for a successful transition to college and/or career. To accomplish this it is imperative that Nebraska has rigorous K-12 academic standards in place that prepare students to do just that. The recently adopted English Language Arts Standards placed a heavy emphasis on a strong partnership between institutions of higher education, business and industry, and content experts to ensure that they met this goal. It is now time to begin working on mathematics.

Review/revision of the standards is expected to take several months and will follow the same process as has been used for all content areas. As a first step in the process, NDE personnel met with a group of Nebraska leaders well known for their expertise in the field of mathematics to gather input on how best to ensure that Nebraska students are well prepared.

This update will provide an overview of the highlights of that meeting along with a tentative timeline for mathematics standards review/revision.

Tentative Timeline for Mathematics Review/Revision

October 14	Nebraska Mathematics Leaders provide K-12 Input on Math Standards
November 6	State Board – Update
November 19-20	Initial – Large Writing Group meeting
December 4-5	State Board - Standards Subcommittee
December 9-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Large Writing Group meeting
January 8	State Board Standards Subcommittee
January 12	Small Editing Team
January	Business Representatives Input
January 21-22	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Large Writing Group
February 5-6	State Board Update
February 25-26	Small Editing Team
Spring	Public Input

Additional detail will be provided throughout the process

Estimated Cost - \$30,000