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WDE CONTINUES TO FACILITATE PUBLIC COMMENT ON STANDARDS REVIEW THROUGH SURVEYS

Comment sought on revised standards in four content areas

CHEYENNE - As part of its collection of public feedback surrounding draft standards in the content areas of Career and Vocational Education; Science; Social Studies; and Physical Education, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has posted surveys on its website, edu.wyoming.gov.

The surveys can be found on the homepage of the WDE's website in a green box on the right-hand side of the page. The results of the surveys will be shared with the State Board of Education in the spring of 2014 before it considers whether to adopt the new standards. The surveys will be open for at least the next two months.

As of Dec. 30, 2013, the State Board of Education has taken a measured approach to the study and approval of the proposed draft standards in four content areas: Career and Vocational Education; Science; Social Studies; and Physical Education. The draft standards were originally presented to the State Board of Education on Oct. 8, 2013 in Cheyenne. At that point the State Board of Education postponed its vote to approve the draft standards in order to further study the standards.

The State Board of Education performed further study on the draft standards during its Nov. 5, 2013 meeting in Lander. At that meeting the board opened the floor to questions and comments from the public. A motion was passed by the board to "hold," on a vote to adopt the standards, and request additional documents from the WDE, such as:

- A crosswalk comparing the current standards to the proposed standards.
- An analysis of the impact on teachers and student assessments, as well as an implementation plan.
- A communication plan to inform schools and the public of the proposed standards, as well as the standards once they are implemented.

The WDE Standards Team will present an update on delivery of the requested documentation during the State Board of Education's meeting, Jan. 24, 2014 in Cheyenne.

Should the State Board of Education vote to adopt the new standards in these content areas later this spring, the WDE will announce a 45-day public comment period. The surveys found on the WDE's webpage will remain open until the start of the public comment period.

For more information on the standards feedback process, contact Tom Lacock at (307) 777-5399 or tom.lacock@wyo.gov.