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Idaho Content Standards review committees start work next week

(BOISE) – The State Department of Education’s review process for Idaho Content Standards for Math, Science and English Language Arts will kick off Monday and Tuesday, June 29-30. Reporters and interested members of the public are welcome to listen in as newly formed review committees hold their initial meetings.

Here’s the schedule. All times are MST:

Mathematics standards review committee

- Monday, June 29, 2020; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The public can listen in by calling: 253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID: 948 1383 4143

English Language Arts and Literacy standards review committee

- Monday, June 29, 2020; 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The public can listen in by calling: 253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID: 945 5039 8525

Science standards review committee

- Tuesday, June 30, 2020; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The public can listen in by calling: 253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID: 999 8195 0001

Committee members were selected from nominations sought from a broad base of stakeholder groups including parents, educators, administrators, and school boards, as well as higher education, business/industry partners, and lawmakers.

The committees will review Idaho’s content standards for each grade level, study standards from other states and review best practices before drafting new proposed standards. The timeline calls for finalizing a first draft by mid-November, then inviting public input, including regional public meetings. A second draft is expected to be presented to the State Board of Education in June 2021, followed by more public meetings before the final proposed standards are submitted to the state board in October 2021 and to the Legislature in 2022.

Reviews will be guided by a joint letter from the House and Senate Education Committees, as well as ongoing direction from the legislative study committee on content standards. Among other things, participants will be asked to consider simplifying and reducing the number of standards, prioritizing the standards, and the appropriateness of standards for age and grade level.

The public can learn more about the standards review committees and follow the process on our website <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/academic/standards/>.

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