

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 2003

TO: MEMBERS, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: Sue Stickel, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: Report of the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Material Commission

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State of California

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission

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Reed Hastings, President
State Board of Education
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RE: December 2003 Report of the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission

Dear President Hastings:

On behalf of the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission (Curriculum Commission), I am pleased to provide you with an update of its recent activities and inform you of items of action to be presented in January.

November 6-7 Meeting

The Curriculum Commission met November 6 and 7 and made progress on a number of projects, including the completion of the draft Visual and Performing Arts Framework. The November Commission meeting was also the final one for Commissioners Mary Coronado Calvario, Lora Griffin, Veronica Norris and myself. While we regret that our term must end, we have enjoyed our time on the Curriculum Commission and feel honored to have served.

Field Review of Draft Visual and Performing Arts Framework

The Curriculum Commission held a hearing on the framework and took final action on the document. The document is presented as an information item for December and the Commission will be bringing the framework for the State Board's approval in January 2004.

2004 Health Adoption of K-8 Instructional Materials

Thank you for approving the revised timeline at the Board's November meeting. The Curriculum Commission took action on the nominations for Instructional Materials Advisory Panel and the Content Review Panel. The item will be presented to the State Board in January for action.

2005 History-Social Science Adoption of K-8 Instructional Materials

Thank you for approving the timeline at the Board's November meeting. The Curriculum Commission will be distributing its applications for the Instructional Materials Advisory Panel and Content Panel beginning in early 2004. Please let us know if you know teachers, content experts, or members of the public who would want an application.

Mathematics Framework

The Curriculum Commission is continuing to make progress on the updating of the framework. The Commission has completed its review of comments from scholars and teachers who reviewed the framework for content accuracy. The Curriculum Commission will be adding an appendix on Algebra readiness and will be including new criteria that address the need to have intervention materials. By February 2004, the Commission will be conducting a field review of the updated framework.

2006 Science Adoption of K-8 Instructional Materials

The Curriculum Commission is developing the criteria for the 2006 adoption. The Curriculum Commission will bring the criteria for action by the State Board of Education in March 2004. We also like to note that 6,500 Science Frameworks were sold between July 1, 2003 and November 5, 2003.

Electronic Learning Resources

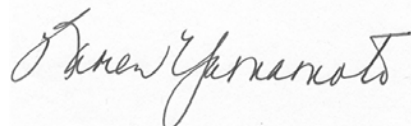
The Curriculum Commission will be working with the California Learning Resource Network (CLRN) in improving the process for reviewing supplemental electronic instructional materials. At the November meeting, the Curriculum Commission agreed to present changes to the CLRN criteria for reviewing electronic instructional materials. One significant proposed change is that CLRN-approved materials for kindergarten through grade 8 must complement state-adopted materials. This will ensure that electronic materials support instructional programs that meet all of the state-adopted standards. The Curriculum Commission will report to the State Board in early 2004.

Textbook Weight

The Curriculum Commission examined the issue of textbook weight. In January 2004 we will investigate further the alternatives and state our findings later in 2004.

This concludes the Curriculum Commission's report for December. As always, we welcome your direction on all matters related to the Curriculum Commission.

Sincerely,



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