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# California State Board of Education July Year Agenda Item #04

## Subject

2020 *World Languages Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve:* Public Hearing and Adoption*.*

## Type of Action

Action, Information, Public Hearing

## Summary of the Issue(s)

Pursuant to California *Education Code* (*EC*) Section 60200(b), the State Board of Education (SBE) is authorized to complete work on the updated *World Languages Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* (*WL Framework*). *EC* Section 60204 calls for the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) to recommend curriculum frameworks to the SBE. On April 17, 2020, the IQC voted unanimously to recommend that the SBE adopt the draft *WL Framework* with their recommended edits*.* The SBE must hold a public hearing before taking action on the draft *WL Framework*.

## Recommendation

The California Department of Education (CDE) and the IQC recommend that the SBE hold a public hearing and adopt the draft *WL Framework*, including the additional edits recommended by the IQC on April 17, 2020. The CDE also recommends that the SBE delegate authority to SBE and CDE staff to make any necessary revisions as the document is professionally edited and prepared for publication. The current draft *WL Framework* (May 2020 draft) is available on the CDE World Languages Framework web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl/cf/>.

## Brief History of Key Issues

Assembly Bill 2290, Chapter 643 of the Statutes of 2016, added Section 60605.5 to the California *Education Code,* which directed the IQC to develop and the SBE to adopt before January 31, 2019, revisions to the *World Language Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* (*WL Standards*) adopted by the state board in 2009 pursuant to Section 60605.3. The statute also directs the IQC to develop and the SBE to adopt on or before September 30, 2020, a curriculum framework and evaluation criteria for instructional materials that are aligned to the revised 2019 *WL Standards*. Work on the *WL Framework* hasfollowed the Schedule of Significant Events the SBE approved in July 2018. Pursuant to that Schedule of Significant Events, at its meeting on September 19–20, 2019, the IQC approved the existing draft for the first of two 60-day field reviews with edits proposed by the CDE. The field review survey was posted to the CDE World Languages Framework web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl/cf/> on October 1, 2019, and continued through December 2, 2019.

During the online survey period, the CDE received public comments from over 80 different submitters, both through the field review survey and through a dedicated email box established to receive comments on the draft framework. The survey was publicized through a letter sent to county and district superintendents and charter school administrators from the Deputy Superintendent of the Instruction and Measurement Branch at the CDE and by a news release from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It was also promoted through outreach to those groups and individuals who have expressed interest in the instruction of the world languages.

At their January 16, 2020, meeting, the IQC discussed the comments received during the first of the two public field reviews required by the *California Code of Regulations*, Title 5, Section 9515. On April 17, 2020, the IQC discussed the public comments received during the second public field review and requested additional edits to the draft recommended to the SBE.

Because the Schedule of Significant Events for the *WL Framework* approved by the SBE in July 2018 allowed only one week for additional revisions in time to be posted in preparation for a May 2020 SBE meeting, the CDE requested the SBE extend the timeline. This request was approved, changing the date of SBE action to adopt the framework from May 2020 to July 2020. This allowed more time for the framework writers and CDE staff to complete the edits and post the revised chapters. The deadline extension also provided time for a more comprehensive and considered review of all public comments and recommendations of the IQC prior to the adoption of the *WL Framework*.

The IQC is formally recommending that the SBE adopt the draft *WL Framework*. The SBE may make additional edits to the draft *WL Framework*,which will be incorporated into the document by CDE staff before it is published. Once the SBE takes action, the SBE and CDE staff will make necessary revisions as the document is professionally edited and prepared for publication.

## Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

**July 11, 2018:** The SBE approved a Schedule of Significant Events for the development of the *WL Framework*.

**January 9, 2019:** The SBE appointed 20 members to the Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee (CFCC), received a *WL Framework* Focus Group Report, and approved guidelines for the development of the *WL Framework*.

**May 7, 2020:** The SBE approved a revised Schedule of Significant Events for the development of the *WL Framework*, which extended the SBE adoption date from May 2020 to July 2020.

## Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

The CDE estimates that the development of the *WL Framework* will cost $350,000. This estimate includes the costs for the contracted writers, travel for the CFCC members, production of materials for CFCC meetings, editing and/or graphic design services, technology services, and IQC meetings related to the development of the framework.

## Attachment(s)

Attachment 1: Draft *WL Framework* recommended by the IQC on April 17, 2020 (791 pages). This attachment is available on the CDE World Languages Framework web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl/cf/>.

Attachment 2: Summary of Approved Edits from the Instructional Quality Commission (organized by chapter) with IQC actions recommended on April 17, 2020 (91 pages). This attachment is available on the CDE World Languages Framework web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl/cf/>.