

State Board of Education Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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TO: Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Education
Dr. Jeffrey Fuller, Deputy Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education,
Pennsylvania Department of Education

FROM: Karen Molchanow, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Review of Academic Standards for Career Education and Work, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economics

Academic standards promulgated by the State Board of Education in 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4 (Academic Standards and Assessments) are to be reviewed periodically to determine if they are appropriate, clear, specific, and challenging. The State Board of Education's (Board) Committee on Academic Standards/Chapter 4 (Committee) is delegated responsibility for reviewing the Board's regulations governing academic standards and assessment and for drafting revised regulations for recommendation to the Board. The Committee may work with representatives of the Department and/or education interest groups in its deliberations.

By way of this memo, I am notifying you of the Committee's intention to continue its work to review the academic standards promulgated in 22 Pa. Code Chapter 4 and the Committee's request that the Department of Education (Department) serve as a partner in this effort.

At its public meeting on September 14, 2022, the Committee met to discuss its responsibility to oversee periodic reviews of the academic standards promulgated by the Board and to determine its next steps in carrying out this work. The Committee reached consensus that it will open the academic standards for Career Education and Work, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economics as the next sets of standards to be reviewed.

The Committee requests that the Department serve in partnership to support this effort by engaging educators and other content experts to conduct an initial review of these standards. Through that consultation with external stakeholders, the Committee requests that the Department develop recommendations on whether the standards should be revised and, if so, formulate draft amendments to the standards for consideration by the Committee. The names of individuals nominated to serve on any external advisory groups formed by the Department to support this work should be presented to the Committee before the advisory groups are convened.

Following presentation of the Department's recommendations on the academic standards for Career Education and Work, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economics, the Committee will undertake a process to collect additional stakeholder feedback on the Department's recommendations before developing its own recommendations to present to the Board.

On behalf of the Committee and the Board, we look forward to working collaboratively with the Department to review the academic standards for Career Education and Work, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Economics.

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