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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Brad C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 5, 2014

ACTION: R277-468 *Parent/Guardian Review of Public Education Curriculum and Review of Complaint Process (New)*

Background:

In the September 2014 Board meeting, the Standards and Assessment Committee held a brief discussion and requested a rule be drafted regarding parental involvement on curriculum and material review committees. R277-468 *Parent/Guardian Involvement on Curriculum and Material Review Committees* was proposed in response to the Standards and Assessment Committee's request. In the October 2014 Board meeting, after receiving multiple concerns from district superintendents in regards to the rule, the Standards and Assessment Committee requested that USOE staff meet with district superintendents and revise the rule.

Key Points:

R277-468 provides for LEAs to develop policies and procedures for curriculum and material review committees which include parents.

Anticipated Action:

It is proposed that the Standards and Assessment Committee consider approving R277-468 on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-468 on second reading.

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1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-468. Parent/Guardian Review of Public Education**
3 **Curriculum and Review of Complaint Process.**

4 **R280-468-1. Definitions.**

5 A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.

6 B. "Instructional materials" means systematically
7 arranged content in text or digital format which may be used
8 within the state curriculum framework for grade levels or
9 courses of study by students in public schools including text
10 books, workbooks, computer software, online or Internet
11 courses, CDs or DVDs and multiple forms of communication
12 media. Such materials may be used by students or teachers or
13 both as principal sources of study to cover any portion of the
14 grade level or course. These materials:

15 (1) shall be designed for student use;

16 (2) may be accompanied by or contain teaching guides and
17 study helps;

18 (3) shall include all text books, workbooks and student
19 materials and supplements necessary for a student to fully
20 participate in coursework; and

21 (4) shall be high quality, research-based and prove to be
22 effective in supporting student learning.

23 C. "LEA" means a local education agency, including local
24 school boards/public school districts, charter schools, and,
25 for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and
26 the Blind.

27 D. "Parent or guardian" means the individual that
28 establishes the residency of the child under Sections
29 53A-2-201, 53A-2-202, or 53A-2-207 or another applicable Utah
30 guardianship provision.

31 E. "Primary instructional materials" means comprehensive
32 or basal Core textbook or integrated instructional program for
33 which a publisher seeks a recommendation for Core subjects as
34 outlined in Sections R277-700-4, 5 or 6.

35 **R277-468-2. Authority and Purpose.**

36 A. This rule is authorized under Utah Constitution
37 Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and
38 supervision over public education in the Board, Sections 53A-
39 1-402(1)(b) and (c) which requires the Board to establish
40 rules regarding competency levels, graduation requirements,
41 school accreditation, curriculum and instruction requirements,
42 and school libraries, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows
43 the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its
44 responsibilities.

45 B. The purpose of this rule is to direct LEAs, consistent
46 with the Board's responsibility to establish committees that
47 provide advice and assistance in the adoption and review of
48 LEA primary instructional materials to support Utah Core
49 Standards, and to include parents in reviewing complaints
50 specific to primary curriculum materials.

51 **R277-468-3. LEA Board Responsibilities.**

52 A. Each LEA shall include parents who have students who
53 attend LEA schools and instructional staff in the review or
54 reconsideration of LEA-purchased instructional materials.

55 B. LEAs may seek assistance from parent organizations or
56 associations or other groups to recruit and select parent
57 members for materials and complaint reviews.

58 **R277-468-4. Board Responsibilities.**

59 A. The Board shall develop and make readily available to
60 LEAs suggestions for effective parent participation in the
61 instructional materials review process and the complaint
62 review process.

63 B. Board staff shall assist LEAs in policy development,
64 upon request and to the extent of Board resources available.

65 **KEY: parent/guardian, committees, curriculum, complaints**

66 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment: 2015**

67 Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3;
68 53A-1-402 (1) (b) ; 53A-1-402 (1) (c) ; 53A-1-401 (3)