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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Brad C. Smith
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: June 18-19, 2015

ACTION: R277-700 *The Elementary and Secondary School Core Curriculum*
(Amendment and Continuation)

Background:

1. R277-700 is amended in response to S.B. 60 *American Civics Education Initiative*, H.B. 360 *Utah Education Amendments*, and S.B. 196 *Math Competency Initiative* (2015 Legislative Session)
2. In addition to the amendments to R277-700, the rule is continued consistent with Board policy for continuation of rules and the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. The rule was last continued effective March 12, 2013.

Key Points:

1. The amendments to R277-700 provide procedures for the Civics Education Initiative; provide procedures relating to academic standards established by the Board; provide provisions relating to public school mathematics competency standards; and provide numerous technical and conforming changes throughout the rule.
2. R277-700 continues to be necessary because it specifies the minimum Core Standards and General Core requirements for the public schools.

Anticipated Action:

1. It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving R277-700, as amended, on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-700, as amended on second reading.
2. It is proposed that the Law and Licensing Committee consider approving R277-700 for continuation on first reading and, if approved by the Committee, the Board consider approving R277-700 for continuation on second reading.

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