Public invited to comment on draft administrative rules, including content standards

(BOISE) – Draft Idaho Content Standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science are among the proposed administrative rules available for public comment on the State Department of Education website.

The public comment period extends until Sept. 30 and is part of a comprehensive review process that began last summer and culminates with action by the State Board of Education and the Idaho Legislature. In addition to the content standards that are up for review this year, the proposed administrative rules include standards for initial certification of professional school personnel and proposed English Language Development Standards.

“I want to thank the review groups that put in many hours of careful, expert effort to study Idaho’s standards, review best practices and draft new standards with direction from a legislative interim study committee and the House and Senate Education Committees,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “I welcome Idaho parents, educators and other residents to review these draft rules and provide feedback.”

The SDE’s Administrative Rules page offers links to each of the proposed standards and rules, including “markup” copies showing changes to the standards. A public comment form invites Idahoans to give feedback. Idahoans are welcome to comment on one, several, or all of the proposed rules.

The posted content standards are second drafts that have been submitted to the State Board of Education and will be revised again after the comment period ends. The final draft will be submitted to the State Board of Education, then presented to the Idaho Legislature for consideration in the 2022 legislative session.

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