



INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution to Support Schools Implement Newly Adopted Math and English/Language Arts Academic Standards

Proposed by Board Member Sarah O'Brien

I would like to first state my deep appreciation for all involved with the Standards Adoption Process-- the Department of Education Staff and the State Board Staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we have the highest-level academic standards available to all students, and also all those who have provided time and energy through committee work, public hearings, and public commentary. As we approach the final stages of the adoption timeline and navigate through the feedback we have received, I feel strongly that we need to lay the groundwork to best support our school districts across the state as they move into implementation of new standards. As curriculum decisions and textbook adoption in both Math and English/Language Arts were made across the state based upon the previous Board adoption of Common Core State Standards, there will obviously be gaps in resources within our classrooms. Today, I would like to publicly reassure our schools, teachers, parents, and students that we are committed to working with them to align curriculum and professional development opportunities with the standards that will be adopted next month.

I would like to formally make a motion that this board will work with both staff from the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to create a plan in order to best support schools in their efforts to implement newly adopted State Standards in Math and English/Language Arts. I propose that these options, ranging from professional development to supplemental materials from approved textbook companies, as well as funding options to support such materials be presented at a meeting after the formal standards adoption (in the late Spring/early summer). It is my hope that we can develop a menu of opportunities to ensure full stakeholder confidence in their abilities to effectively ensure mastery of academic standards. I welcome any feedback or additional ideas from my fellow board members.

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